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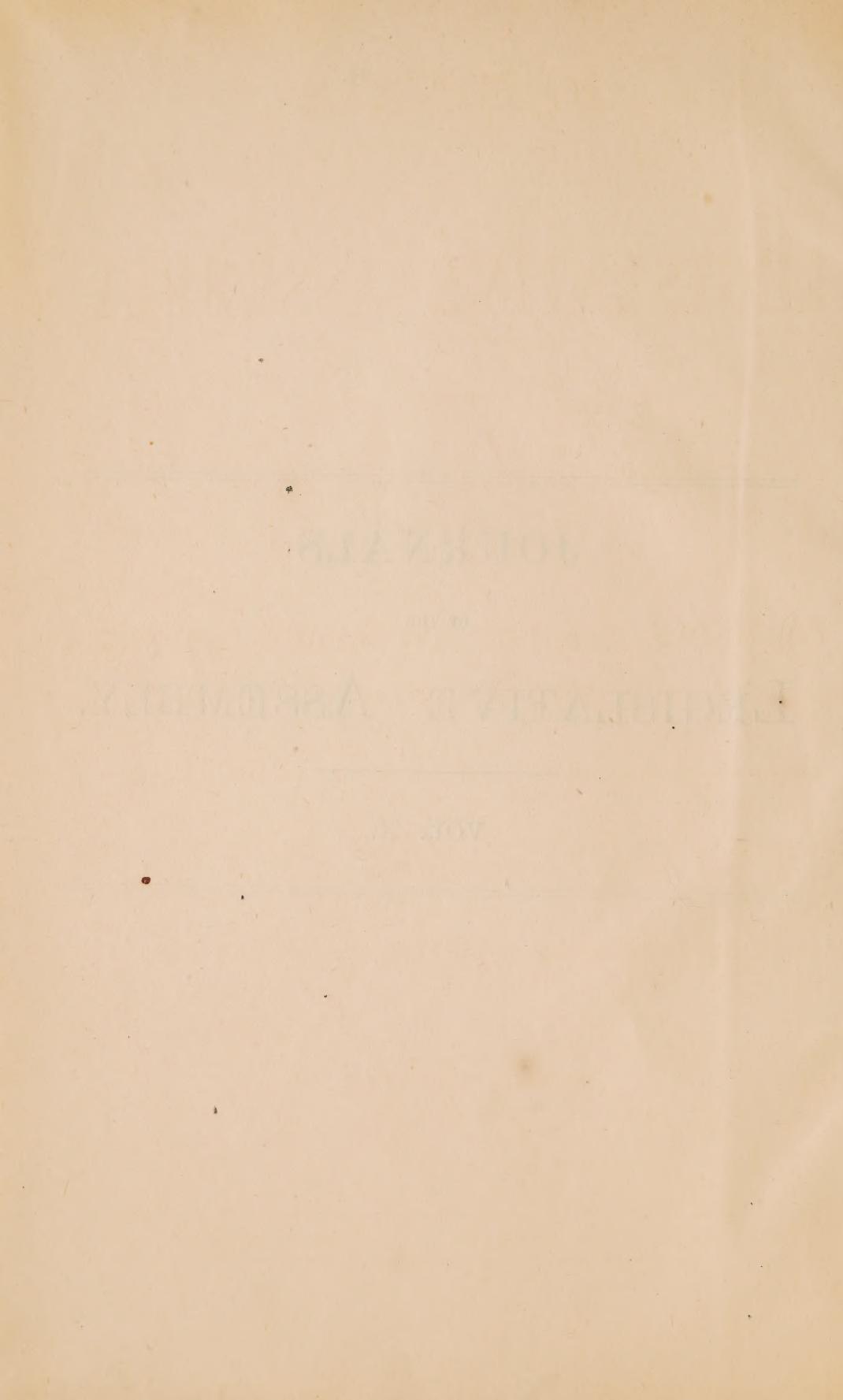
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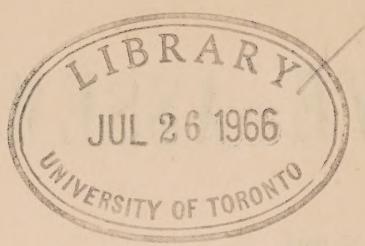
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D. A. MACDONALD.

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VICTORIA, *By the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN,*
Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our Province of *Ontario*, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature of Our said Province, at Our City of *Toronto*, on TUESDAY, the TWENTY-FIRST day of the month of MARCH, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING.

O. Mowat, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature of the Province of Attorney-General. } *Ontario* stands prorogued to the TWENTY-FIRST day of the month of MARCH, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, at which time, at Our City of *Toronto*, you were held and constrained to appear; Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of *Ontario*, to relieve you and each of you of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on SATURDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of the month of APRIL next, you meet US, in Our Legislature of the said Province, at Our City of *Toronto*, and therein to do as may seem necessary—HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of *Ontario* to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Right-Trusty and well-beloved D. A. MACDONALD, Lieutenant-Governor of our Province of *Ontario*, at Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, this EIGHTEENTH day of MARCH, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in the thirty-ninth year of Our reign.

By Command,

S. J. VANKOUGHNET,
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 Right-Trusty and well-beloved D. A. MACDONALD, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of *Ontario*, at our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in our said Province, this THIRD day of JUNE, in the year
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in the
 fortieth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of *Ontario*, to be hereunto affixed : WITNESS, The Honourable DONALD ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of *Ontario*, at Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in our said Province, this FIFTEENTH day of JULY, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in the fortieth year of Our Reign.

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O. Mowat, } W HEREAS the meeting of the Legislature of the Province of Attorney-General. } *Ontario*, stands prorogued to the TWENTY-FOURTH day of the month of AUGUST, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, at which time, at Our City of *Toronto*, you were held and constrained to appear : Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the consent of Our Executive Council of the Province of *Ontario*, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on TUESDAY, the THIRD day of the month of OCTOBER next, you meet US, in Our Legislature of the said Province, at Our City of *Toronto*, and therein to do as may seem necessary—**HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

PROCLAMATIONS.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of *Ontario* to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, The Honourable DONALD ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of *Ontario*, at Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, this THIRTIETH day of SEPTEMBER, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in the fortieth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

S. J. VANKOUGHNET,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, *Ontario*.

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O. Mowat, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature of the Province of Attorney-General. } *Ontario*, stands prorogued to the ELEVENTH day of the month of NOVEMBER, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, at which time, at Our City of Toronto, you were held and constrained to appear: Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of Ontario, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on TUESDAY, the NINETEENTH day of the month of DECEMBER next, you meet US, in Our Legislature of the said Province, at Our City of Toronto, and therein to do as may seem necessary—HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Ontario to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, The Honourable DONALD ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Lieutenant-Governor of our Province of Ontario, at Our Government House, in Our City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this EIGHTEENTH day of NOVEMBER, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in the fortieth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

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D. A. MACDONALD.

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Ontario, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature of Our said Province, at Our City of Toronto, on TUESDAY, the NINETEENTH day of the month of DECEMBER, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING :

O. Mowat, } WHEREAS the meeting of the Legislature of the Province of Attorney-General. } *Ontario*, stands prorogued to the NINETEENTH day of the month of DECEMBER instant; nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, we have thought fit to prorogue the same to WEDNESDAY, the THIRD day of the month of JANUARY, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and we do will that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on WEDNESDAY, the THIRD day of the month of JANUARY next, at Our City of Toronto aforesaid, personally, you be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, act, do and conclude upon these things which in Our Legislature of the Province of Ontario, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favour of God be ordained—HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, The Honourable DONALD ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Ontario, at Our Government House, in Our City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this FOURTH day of DECEMBER, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in the fortieth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

S. J. VANKOUGHNET,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Ontario. -

JOURNALS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Wednesday, 3rd January, 1877.

3 o'clock P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Third Parliament of *Ontario* for the Despatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation of *Donald Alexander Macdonald*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Ontario*, and the House having met, the Lieutenant Governor entered the House and, having taken his seat on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—

I have much pleasure in welcoming you again to your annual duties in connection with the legislation and government of the Province.

I rejoice to have it in my power to announce that the learned Commissioners for the Consolidation of the Statutes have completed their important and laborious undertaking, and that the result is ready to be submitted to you. I hope that it will be found practicable to give to the people of the Province at your present Session the benefit of this work with such amendments in the existing laws as your wisdom may suggest or approve. Bills embodying various amendments which have the recommendation of the Commissioners will be laid before you.

A measure giving votes to the sons of farmers in certain cases will be submitted for your consideration. Also, a Bill for extending the Voters' Lists Act, with necessary modifications, to Municipal elections.

Further progress and improvement may be looked for in the great cause of Education, now that it has reached another stage of development under the Act of last Session, which assigned the administration of educational affairs to a responsible Department. It is proposed to ask your assistance towards improving the qualifications of teachers, and in securing to all the schools teachers properly trained in the best method of teaching.

Reports will be laid before you as to the working of the law respecting the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors under the Act of last Session. It will be seen that the Act has already had a beneficial effect in diminishing the evils against which it was directed. A Bill will be offered for your consideration, embodying some amendments which

have been suggested by experience, as calculated to advance the efficient working of the law.

An agreement has been arrived at with the Government of the Dominion for the purchase of the Rockwood Lunatic Asylum, subject to your approval and the approval of the Parliament of the Dominion. Should this agreement go into effect, the criminal lunatics now confined in this Asylum will be removed, and room will thereby be obtained for other patients; but I regret to say that it seems that still further provision must be made, at this Session, for the accommodation of the insane, if our means of receiving and caring for these afflicted persons are to keep pace with the annual requirements which, unhappily, are to be anticipated.

I regret to find also, that there is a necessity for increased accommodation for the Blind and for Deaf Mutes. The propriety of an appropriation for additions to the existing establishments for the instruction of these unfortunate classes will therefore demand your humane consideration.

Notwithstanding the large sums hitherto applied in aid of important railway enterprises, urgent applications are made on behalf of some of the unfinished, as well as of the other projected railways, for fresh grants. I commend to your prudent attention any of these applications which may be brought before you.

The safety of the Records in the Crown Lands Department being of great importance to the whole community, I invite you to consider whether there is any sufficient reason for further delay in erecting such a fire-proof building as may afford the needed security in future.

It is with satisfaction I note that, while the laborious and prudent character of our people has saved us from much of the depression which still prevails in so many countries, their energy and intelligence are opening up new markets for the produce of the Province.

I rejoice to be able, from a personal visit, to give my testimony to the success which attended the exhibition of Canadian resources at *Philadelphia*. Too much credit cannot be given to the great zeal and the intelligent efforts which were displayed in every department by the people of Ontario, and which largely contributed to Canada's gaining a proud position in its rivalry with older and larger communities.

Since last Session the differences between *Ontario* and *Quebec* have continued to receive the attention of my Government. Besides some correspondence on the subject, Members of my Government met at *Ottawa*, by appointment, a Committee of the Government of *Quebec*; and, after discussion, a course of action, to obtain, without further loss of time, an authoritative decision as to the Award of 1870, was mutually arranged; such a decision being found to be essential to either an acceptance of the award, or any settlement of the important matters embraced in it.

For the determination of the Provincial Boundaries by the agreed method of an Arbitration, the appointment of a new arbitrator on behalf of the Province recently became necessary, the distinguished judge who was to occupy that position having requested to be relieved from it. Meanwhile, a provisional line had been mutually determined upon, in terms of the resolution of the Legislative Assembly at a former session; a considerable amount of additional materials for the ascertainment of the ultimate boundaries had been collected; a new and an exhaustive statement of the case of *Ontario* had been prepared; and a considerable part of the documentary and other evidence affecting the questions at issue had been printed. Almost everything is now ready for the final decision, within a few months, by able and competent Referees, of questions which for two centuries have given occasion to keen controversy, and often to fierce conflicts, between the Nations, as well as the great Public Bodies, who have from time to time claimed portions of the disputed territory.

I have given directions that the Public Accounts for 1876 shall be laid before you.

The Estimates for the various branches of the public service for the present year have been prepared, and will be submitted to you. You will find that they have been framed with every regard to economy as well as efficiency.

I trust that your deliberations will receive the Divine blessing, and will result in advancing the prosperity and happiness of all classes of the people.

The Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions pursuant to the Controverted Elections Acts, a Certificate and Report relating to the Election for the Electoral District of the County of *Prince Edward*; and the said Certificate and Report were then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

PRINCE EDWARD ELECTION.

Controverted Elections Acts, 1871, 1873 and 1876.

ABRAM HUYCK, Petitioner; GIDEON STRIKER, Respondent.

We, the undersigned, two of the Judges on the rota, sitting together in pursuance of the provisions of the Election Act of 1876, to try this Petition, in which corrupt practices were alleged, do hereby certify to you in conformity with the provisions of sixteen and seventeen of the Controverted Elections Act of 1871, that this trial was commenced before us, at the Court House at *Pi-ton*, in the County of *Prince Edward*, on the thirteenth day of March last, and continued on the two following days, and was then adjourned to Osgoode Hall, till Monday, the fifteenth day of May instant, and was then further adjourned until the following day, when we did adjudge and determine that the said *Gideon Striker* was duly elected and returned at the election for the said County of *Prince Edward*, holden on the eleventh and eighteenth days of January.

We do further certify that it has not been proved before us that any corrupt practice has been committed by, or with the knowledge and consent of either of the candidates at the said election.

We further certify that in our opinion one *John Sobey* was proved guilty of corrupt practices; but he was not shown to be an agent of *Robert Clapp*, the other candidate at the said election.

We have no reason to believe that corrupt practices did extensively prevail at said election,—on the contrary, it appeared to us, on the evidence, that the contest had been carried on with freedom from corrupt practices.

And we do further adjudge and determine that as the charges of corrupt practices and the recriminatory charges have not been sustained in evidence, there shall be no costs on either side in respect of so much of the petition as relates to such charges, but that all costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the scrutiny of ballots and votes, and so much of the petition as relates thereto, shall be paid by the Petitioner, the said *Abram Huyck*.

We further certify that, appended hereto, is a copy of our notes of the evidence taken in the matter of the said petition.

Dated at Osgoode Hall, this sixteenth day of May, 1876.

GEO. W. BURTON,
*One of the Judges on the
Rota to try this Petition.*
S. H. BLAKE,
*One of the Judges on the
Rota to try this Petition.*

To the Honourable,
The Speaker of the House of Assembly
Of the Province of *Ontario*.

Ordered, That the foregoing Report and Certificate be entered on the Journals of this House.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received the following notification of a vacancy which had occurred in the representation of the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of *Wellington*; and that he had issued his Warrant for a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said Electoral District:—

The Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario :

I, Peter Gow, Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Wellington, hereby declare that it is my intention to resign, and I do hereby resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, for the said Electoral District.

Given under my hand and seal, at Guelph, in the presence of two witnesses, this first day of September, A.D. 1876.

PETER GOW. [L.S.]

Witnesses : D. Stirton, Dan. Guthrie.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House, That James Massie, Esquire, had been elected as Member for the South Riding of the County of Wellington.

James Massie, Esquire, Member for the South Riding of the County of Wellington, having previously taken the Oaths, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of the Speech of the Lieutenant-Governor, which he read.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General Mowat, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Pardee, the following Bill was introduced, and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 1), intituled, "An Act to provide for the Administration of Oaths of Office to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace."

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General Mowat, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Pardee,

Ordered, That the Speech of the Lieutenant-Governor to this House be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, having been first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes : 1. On Privileges and Elections ; 2. On Railways ; 3. On Miscellaneous Private Bills ; 4. On Standing Orders ; 5. On Public Accounts ; 6. On Printing ; which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Resolved, That if anything shall come in question touching the return or election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate ; and all Members returned upon double returns are to withdraw until their returns are determined.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person has been elected and returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery, or other corrupt practices.

Resolved, That the offer of any money or other advantage to any Member of this House, for the promoting of any matter whatsoever depending, or to be transacted in Parliament, is a high crime and misdemeanor, and tends to the subversion of the constitution.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, A Report from the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly on the state of the Library of Parliament, which was read. (*Sessional Papers, No. 6.*)

The House then adjourned at 4 P.M.

Thursday, 4th January, 1877.

3 o'clock, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the table : —

By the Honourable Mr. Crooks.—The Petition of the County Council of *Oxford*.

By the Honourable Mr. Pardee.—The Petition of *A. L. McLaren* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. Sinclair.—The Petition of *John H. Campbell* and others, of *East Hawkesbury*.

By Mr. Watterworth.—The Petition of *Alexander Graham* and others, of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. Widdifield.—The Petition of *J. L. Russ* and others, of *Drayton*.

By Mr. Brown.—The Petition of the Town Council of *Whitby*.

By Mr. Hurdy.—The Petition of *Charles Hedgers* and others, of *Brant*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Brantford*.

By Mr. Hodgins.—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas B. Jones* and others, of *Ottawa*; also, the Petition of *William Risdon* and others, of *Elgin*; also, the Petition of the Reverend *Saltern Givins* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. Scott.—The Petition of the *Huron and Quebec Railway Company*; also, the Petition of *Robert Dennistoun* and others, of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. Flesher.—The Petition of *David Bonner* and others; also, the Petition of *Percy Evans* and others, all of *Cardwell*.

By Mr. Tooley.—The Petition of *John L. McDiarmid* and others of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. Wilson.—The Petition of *William E. Idsardi*; also, the Petition of *William C. Vanbuskirk* and others, all of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. Clarke (*Norfolk*).—The Petition of the *Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway Company*.

By Mr. Rosevear.—The Petition of the *Port Hope Harbour Commissioners*.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Speech of the Lieutenant-Governor, having been read,

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Massey,

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of this Session, and tendering to him our acknowledgments for the pleasure he expresses in welcoming us again to our annual duties in connection with the legislation and government of this Province.

2. That we thank His Honour for the announcement that the learned Commissioners for the Consolidation of the Statutes have completed their important and laborious undertaking, and that the result is ready to be submitted to us; that we unite with His Honour in hoping that it will be found practicable to give to the people of the Province at our present Session the benefit of this work with such amendments in the existing laws as may be suggested or approved; and that we shall give our best attention to the Bills which are to be laid before us, embodying various amendments which have the recommendation of the Commissioners.

3. That we shall carefully consider any Bills which that may be laid before us containing provisions for giving votes to the sons of farmers in certain cases, and for extending the Voters' Lists Act, with necessary modifications, to Municipal Elections.

4. That we join with His Honour in the opinion that further progress and improvement may be looked for in the great cause of Education, now that it has reached another stage of development under the Act of last Session, which assigned the administration of educational affairs to a responsible Department; and assure his Honour that we shall give our best consideration to any measure for improving the qualifications of teachers, and securing to all the schools teachers properly trained in the best method of teaching.

5. That we thank His Honour for the intimation that Reports will be laid before us as to the working of the law respecting the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors under the Act of last Session; that we are gratified at His Honour's assurance that the Act has

already had a beneficial effect in diminishing the evils against which it was directed ; and that we assure His Honour that the Bill which is to be offered for our consideration, embodying some amendments which have been suggested by experience as calculated to advance the efficient working of the law, will receive our best attention.

6. That we thank His Honour for the information that an agreement has been arrived at with the Government of the *Dominion* for the purchase of *Rockwood Lunatic Asylum*, subject to our approval and the approval of the Parliament of the *Dominion*, and that should this agreement go into effect, the criminal lunatics now confined in this Asylum will be removed, and room will thereby be obtained for other patients ; and that we regret, with His Honour, that still further provision for the accommodation of the insane should be necessary to be made at this Session, if our means of receiving and caring for these afflicted persons are to keep pace with the annual requirements which unhappily are to be anticipated.

7. That we concur with His Honour in regretting the necessity for increased accommodation for the Blind and Deaf Mutes, and assure His Honour that the propriety of an appropriation for additions to the existing establishments for the instruction of these unfortunate classes will receive our best attention.

8. That we learn with interest that, notwithstanding the large sums hitherto applied in aid of important railway enterprises, urgent applications are made on behalf of some of the unfinished as well as of the other projected railways, for fresh grants ; and that we shall give our prudent attention to any of these applications which may be brought before us.

9. That, the safety of the Records of the Crown Lands Department being of great importance to the whole community, we shall avail ourselves of His Honour's invitation to consider whether there is sufficient reason for further delay in erecting such a fire-proof building as may afford the needed security in future.

10. That we unite in the satisfaction expressed by His Honour in noting that, while the laborious and prudent character of our people has saved us from much of the depression which still prevails in so many countries, their energy and intelligence are opening up new markets for the produce of the Province.

11. That we learn with satisfaction the testimony which His Honour is able, from a personal visit, to give to the success which attended the exhibition of Canadian resources at *Philadelphia*, and we concur with his Honour's observation that too much credit cannot be given to the great zeal and the intelligent efforts which were displayed in every department by the people of Ontario, and which largely contributed to Canada's gaining a proud position in its rivalry with older and larger communities.

12. That we are glad to learn, that since last Session the differences between *Ontario* and *Quebec* have continued to receive the attention of His Honour's Government, that besides some correspondence on the subject, Members of the Government met at *Ottawa*, by appointment, a Committee of the Government of *Quebec*, and that, after discussion, a course of action to obtain without further loss of time an authoritative decision as to the Award of 1870, was mutually arranged, such a decision being found to be essential to either an acceptance of the award, or any settlement of the important matters embraced in it.

13. That we thank His Honour for informing us that, for the determination of the Provincial Boundaries by the agreed method of an Arbitration, the appointment of a new arbitrator on behalf of the Province recently became necessary ; the distinguished judge who was to occupy that position having requested to be relieved from it ; that meanwhile, a provisional line had been mutually determined upon, in terms of the resolution of the Legislative Assembly at a former Session ; a considerable amount of additional materials for the ascertainment of the ultimate boundaries had been collected ; a new and an exhaustive statement of the case of *Ontario* had been prepared ; and a considerable part of the documentary and other evidence affecting the questions at issue had been printed ; that almost everything is now ready for the final decision, within a few months, by able and competent Referees, of questions which, for two centuries, have given occasion to keen controversy, and often to fierce conflicts, between the Nations, as well as the great Public Bodies, who have from time to time claimed portions of the disputed territory.

14. That we thank His Honour for the assurance that the Public Accounts for 1876 shall be laid before us.

15. That we thank His Honour for the information that the Estimates for the various branches of the public service for the present year have been prepared, and will be submitted to us, and for his assurance that they have been framed with every regard to economy as well as efficiency.

16. That we unite with His Honour in trusting that our deliberations will receive the Divine blessing, and may result in advancing the prosperity and happiness of all classes of the people.

The several paragraphs of the proposed Address, from one to twelve inclusive, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Ordered, That the consideration of the remaining paragraphs be postponed till Tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 P.M.

Friday, 5th January, 1877

3 o'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*—The Petition of the County Council of *Oxford*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*—The Petition of *Francis Richardson* and others, of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Currie*—The Petition of *Edwin Goodman* and others, of *Lincoln*; also, the Petition of the City Council of *St. Catharines*; also, two Petitions of the County Council of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Lauder*—The Petition of the *Credit Valley Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Scott*—The Petition of the *North Simcoe Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Brown*—The Petition of *S. B. Smith* and others, of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *McLeod*—The Petition of *D. Allan* and others, of *Durham*.

By Mr. *Flesher*—The Petition of *Frederick Strangways* and others, of *Simecoe*.

By Mr. *Ferris*—The Petition of *W. J. Boyce* and others, of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Rosevear*—The Petition of *Thomas Russell* and others, of *Durham*.

By Mr. *Lane*—The Petition of *Alexander Macklin* and others, of *York*.

By Mr. *Clarke (Norfolk)*—The Petition of *John Winskel* and others, of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Hargrave*—The Petition of the *Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company*.

By Mr. *Broder*—The Petition of the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. John's Church, Iroquois*.

By Mr. *Widdifield*.—The Petition of *Edward M. Hodder* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Williams*—The Petition of the Right Reverend *Peter Crinnan*, of *Hamilton*.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of twelve Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, to be composed as follows:—The Honourable Attorney-

General *Mowat*, the Honourable Messieurs *Wood* and *Cameron*, Messieurs *Boulter*, *Hodgins*, *Finlaysen*, *Lauder*, *Meredith*, *Baxter*, *Scott*, *Hardy* and *Gibson*.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Resolved, That a Select Committee of eight Members be appointed to act with Mr. Speaker in the control and management of the Library of Parliament, to be composed as follows:—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, the Honourable Messieurs *Crooks* and *Cameron*, and Messieurs *Hodgins*, *Meredith*, *Wills*, *McLeod* and *Gibson*.

The Order of the Day for resuming the consideration of the proposed Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The thirteenth and fourteenth paragraphs of the proposed Address, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

The fifteenth paragraph having been again read,

Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by Mr. *Deacon*,

That the following be added thereto: “But this House regrets, in view of the great interest manifested in the question by the people at large, His Honour has not been pleased to make reference to the subject of the law relating to the taxation of property for Municipal purposes, and the existing exemptions from such taxation.”

Mr. Speaker called upon Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)* to take the Chair during his absence; and, after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And the House having continued to sit until twelve of the clock midnight,

SATURDAY, 6TH January, 1877.

The Motion, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Baker</i> ,	<i>Coutts</i> ,	<i>Macdougall (Sim-</i>	<i>Preston,</i>
<i>Barr</i> ,	<i>Creighton</i> ,	<i>coe),</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Deacon</i> ,	<i>McGowan,</i>	<i>Rosevear</i>
<i>Boulter</i> ,	<i>Flesher</i> ,	<i>Merrick,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Broder</i> ,	<i>Grange</i> ,	<i>Monk,</i>	<i>Tooley,</i>
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Harkin</i> ,	<i>Mostyn,</i>	<i>Wills,</i>
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Kean</i> ,	<i>O'Sullivan,</i>	<i>Wigle—29.</i>
<i>Code</i> ,	<i>Lauder</i> ,		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Ballantyne</i> ,	<i>Clarke (Norfolk)</i> ,	<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>Graham (Lambton),</i>
<i>Baxter</i> ,	<i>Clarke (Wellington)</i> ,	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>
<i>Bishop</i> ,	<i>Cole</i> ,	<i>Fleming,</i>	<i>Haney,</i>
<i>Bonfield</i> ,	<i>Crooks</i> ,	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>Hay,</i>

<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Lane,</i>	<i>O'Donoughue,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>	<i>Wood—41.</i>
<i>Massie,</i>			

The fifteenth paragraph was then agreed to.

The sixteenth paragraph, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking him for his gracious Speech at the opening of the Session.

Resolved, That the above Resolution be referred to a Select Committee composed as follows:—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, The Honourable Mr. *Crooks*, and Messieurs *Miller* and *Massie*, with instructions to prepare and report an Address to the Lieutenant-Governor, in conformity therewith.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, from the Select Committee, reported an Address, which was read as follows:—

We Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Ontario*, in Parliament Assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session, and tender to you our acknowledgments for the pleasure you express in welcoming us again to our annual duties in connection with the legislation and government of this Province.

We thank Your Honour for the announcement that the learned Commissioners for the Consolidation of the Statutes have completed their important and laborious undertaking, and that the result is ready to be submitted to us; we unite with Your Honour in hoping that it will be found practicable to give to the people of the Province at our present Session the benefit of this work, with such amendments in the existing laws as may be suggested or approved; and we shall give our best attention to the Bills which are to be laid before us, embodying various amendments which have the recommendation of the Commissioners.

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We thank your Honour for informing us that, for the determination of the Provincial Boundaries by the agreed method of an Arbitration, the appointment of a new arbitrator on behalf of the Province recently became necessary; the distinguished judge who was to occupy that position having requested to be relieved from it; that meanwhile, a provisional line had been mutually determined upon, in terms of the resolution of the Legislative Assembly at a former Session; a considerable amount of additional materials for the ascertainment of the ultimate boundaries had been collected; a new and an exhaustive statement of the case of *Ontario* had been prepared; and a considerable part of the documentary and other evidence affecting the questions at issue had been printed; that almost everything is now ready for the final decision, within a few months, by able and competent Referees, of questions which, for two centuries, have given occasion to keen controversy, and often to fierce conflicts, between the Nations, as well as the great Public Bodies, who have from time to time claimed portions of the disputed territory.

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We unite with Your Honour in trusting that our deliberations will receive the Divine blessing, and may result in advancing the prosperity and happiness of all classes of the people.

The Address, having been read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed, and presented to the Lieutenant-Governor by such Members of the House as are of the Executive Council.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*, seconded by the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*,

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

The Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the year ending 31st December, 1875. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 1.)

Also : Annual Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the Province of *Ontario*, for the year 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 5.)

Also : Report of the School of Practical Science. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 13.)

Also : A Return to an Address (in Session of 1875-6) to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would cause to be laid before the House a Return of—

1. The number of civil and criminal cases entered for trial at the several Assizes since January, 1874 ; the number of cases tried or otherwise disposed of; and the number of remanents and criminal cases kept over at each assize.

2. The number of rules for new trials argued or otherwise disposed of and enlarged, and the number of other rules, special cases, demurrs argued, or otherwise disposed of during each term of the Court of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, since Hilary Term, 1873, and the number of rules, demurrs, and other cases argued and disposed of in the said Courts by a single Judge, under section 19 of the Administration of Justice Act, 1874.

3. The number of Bills filed, and decrees and orders issued in the Court of Chancery since 1870 ; the number of cases heard or otherwise disposed of on Circuit at each Chancery Sitting and in Court at Toronto, and the number of cases reheard during the same period. (*Sessional Papers* No. 14.)

Also :—A Return to an Address (in Session of 1875-6) to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would cause to be laid before the House, a Return shewing the number of cases tried by Jury in the several counties and cities in this Province, in the years 1874 and 1875, and the number tried by Judges without the intervention of a Jury, distinguishing Criminal from Civil. The amount of expenditure for Jury purposes in the several counties and cities for the same years, giving separately the amounts paid to the Clerks of the Peace, amounts paid to electors, amounts paid to Sheriffs for summoning, and amounts paid to Grand and Petit Jurors respectively for attendance. Also the amounts received by Treasurers from Deputy Clerks of the Crown for Jury fees. (*Sessional Papers*) No. 15.

Also :—A Return to an Address (in Session of 1875-6) to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would cause to be laid before the House, Copies of the abstract of Election Expenses incurred by or in behalf of any candidate at the last general and subsequent elections, giving the name of the agent or agents of each such candidate as published by the Returning Officer in the several constituencies of the Province. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 17.)

The House then adjourned at 12.35 A.M.

Monday, 8th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk laid upon the Table, in obedience to an Order of the House (Session 1875-6) :—

A Tabular Statement containing the following information respecting each Railway in *Ontario* :—

(1.) The number of miles authorized by Charter, the number of miles constructed, the number of miles under contract, the number of miles for which aid has been granted by Order in Council.

(2.) The Capital authorized by Charter, the amount of stock actually and *bona fide* subscribed, the amount paid on such stock.

(3.) The amount of Municipal Bonuses.

(4.) The average cost per mile of such Railway, the total cost of such Railway, including rolling stock.

(5.) The amount per mile authorized to be paid from the "Railway Aid Fund," or "Railway Subsidy Fund," the amount actually paid ; also, any special conditions in the Order in Council. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 9).

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Woodstock* ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Embro*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Wood*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Lindsay*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Pardee*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Petrolia*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*—The Petition of Messrs. *Gooderham* and *Worts*, and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Bell*—The Petition of *John Valentine* and others ; also, the Petition of the Honourable *Frank Smith* and others ; also, the Petition of the *Toronto, Grey and Bruce* Railway Company ; also, the Petition of *Gordon, McKay* and Company, all of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Hodgins*—The Petition of the Town Council of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *Robinson*—The Petition of the City Council of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Wigle*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Amherstburgh*.

By Mr. *McLeod*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Bowmanville*.

By Mr. *Lauder*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Walters Falls*.

By Mr. *Merrick*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *West Lambton* ; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *South Ontario* ; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Arthur* ; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Welland Port* ; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *South Ontario* ; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Bosanquet* ; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *South Perth* ; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Mulmur* ; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Provincial Grand Lodge of *Western Ontario*.

By Mr. *Graham (Lambton)*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *East Lambton* ; also, the Petition of *George Shirley* and others, of *East Lambton*.

By Mr. *Bishop*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *South Huron* ; also, the Petition of *John Hyndman* and others, of *Exeter*.

By Mr. *Bethune*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *Hay*—The Petition of the Town Council of *St. Mary's* ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Mitchell*.

By Mr. *Lyon*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Oakville*.

By Mr. *Sexton*—The Petition of the County Council of *Wentworth* ; also, the Petition of *F. D. Thuresson* and others, of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Clifford* ; also, the

Petition of the Village Council of *Drayton*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Elora*.

By Mr. *Ross*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Goderich*.

By Mr. *Broder*—The Petition of *Reuben Rose* and others, of *Matilda*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*—The Petition of the *Peel General Manufacturing Company*.

By Mr. *Kean*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Stayner*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Orillia*.

By Mr. *Code*—The Petition of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of *Ontario*; also, the Petition of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Ferris*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Brighton*.

By Mr. *Patterson (York)*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Yorkville*.

By Mr. *Harkin*—The Petition of the Township Council of *East Hawkesbury*.

By Mr. *Preston*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Gananoque*.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the *Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Acts of Incorporation.

Of the *Huron and Quebec Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Acts of Incorporation.

Of *Robert Dennistoun* and others, of *Peterborough*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *William Hall, Peterborough, Protestant Poor Trnst.*

Of the *Port Hope Harbour Commissioners*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to consolidate their debt.

Of *William E. Idsardi*, of *St. Thomas*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing his admission as a Provincial Land Surveyor.

Of the Reverend *Thomas Bedford Jones* and others, of *Ottawa*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to mortgage certain lands, for the benefit of *St. Alban's Church, Ottawa*.

Of the Reverend *Saltern Givins* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to mortgage certain lands in the City of *Toronto*, for the benefit of *St. Paul's Church*.

Of *John A. Campbell* and others, of *East Hawkesbury*, praying that an Act may pass to divide the Township of *East Hawkesbury* into two municipalities.

Of *J. L. Russ* and others, of *Drayton*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Christian Church of *Canada*.

Of the Town Council of *Brantford*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Town of *Brantford* as a City.

Of the County Council of *Oxford*, also of the Town Council of *Whitby*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts, with respect to the Exemption clauses.

Of *William C. Vanbuskirk*, of *St. Thomas*; also of *Charles Hodgins* and others, of *Brant*; also of *A. L. McLaren* and others, of *Toronto*; also of *Alexander Graham* and others, of *Middlesex*; also of *William Risdon* and others, of *Elgin*; also of *John L. McDearmid* and others; also of *Percy Evans* and others, of *Curdwell*; also of *David Bonner* and others, of *Cardwell*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate "Trinity Medical School."

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by the House, reported that they had prepared the Lists and the same were read as follows:—

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, the Honourable Messieurs *Crooks, Currie and Macdougall*, Messieurs *Ballantyne, Barr, Bell, Bonfield, Broder, Code, Cole, Dawson, Deroche, Finlayson, Graham (Lambton), Grange, Hodgins, McCraney, McLeod, McMahon, McRae, Monk, Patterson (Essex), Paxton, Richardson, Rosevear, Sexton, Scott, Sinclair, Springer, Tooley and Wills*—32.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.—The Honourable Messieurs *Cameron, Currie, Fraser, Pardee and Macdougall*, Messieurs *Baker, Ballantyne, Baxter, Broder, Clarke (Nor-*

folk), Cole, Dawson, Deacon, Finlayson, Fleming, Graham (Lambton), Grant, Hardy, Harkin, Hodyins, Lauder, McGowan, McMahon, Massie, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, O'Donoghue, Patterson (Essex), Patterson (York), Preston, Richardson, Scott, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Tooley, Watterworth, Widdifield, and Wilson—39.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—The Honourable Messieurs *Cameron, Crooks, Currie, Fraser, Pardee, McDougall and Wood*, Messieurs *Appleby, Barr, Baxter, Bell, Bishop, Boulter, Brown, Clarke (Norfolk), Coutts, Creighton, Dawson, Deacon, Deroche, Flesher, Graham (Frontenac), Haney, Hargrave, Hay, Hunter, Kean, Lane, Lauder, Long, Lyon, McCrane, McLeod, McRae, Meredith, Merrick, Mostyn, O'Donoghue, O'Sullivan, Patterson (York), Paxton, Robinson, Scott, Sinclair, Springer, Watterworth, Widdifield, Wigle, Williams, and Wilson—50.*

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS:—The Honourable Mr. *Macdougall*, Messieurs *Appleby, Bishop, Bonfield, Clarke (Norfolk), Code, Coutts, Dawson, Deroche, Finlayson, Fleming, Grunt, Haney, Hargrave, Harkin, Hunter, Lane, Lyon, McDougall (Middlesex), McGowan, McLeod, McRae, Massie, Merrick, Monk, Mostyn, O'Sullivan, Paxton, Preston, Robinson, Snetsinger, Springer, Wigle, Wills and Wilson—35.*

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING:—The Honourable Messieurs *Fraser and Macdougall*, Messieurs *Boulter, Clarke (Wellington), Creighton, Deroche, Grange, Haney and O'Donoghue—9.*

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of five Members.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:—The Honourable Messieurs *Cameron, Crooks, Macdougall and Wood*, Messieurs *Clarke (Wellington), Deacon, Ferris, Gibson, Hardy, Hay, Lauder, Merrick, Meredith, Ross, Striker, Williams and Wills—17.*

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine Members.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*.

Ordered, That the several Members named in the Report of the Special Committee appointed to report lists of Members to compose the Standing Committees ordered by this House, do compose the said Standing Committees.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 67), intituled “An Act respecting Escheats and Forfeitures.”—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 68), intituled “An Act to Amend and Repeal Certain Enactments of the last Session of the Legislature of this Province.”—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 69), intituled “An Act respecting the Revised Statutes for *Ontario*.”—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Interim Report of the Registrar-General of the Province of *Ontario*, for the first half-year of 1876 (*Sessional Papers*, No. 16).

The House then adjourned at 3.45 P.M.

Tuesday, 9th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. *Wood*.—The Petition of the County Council of *Victoria*; also the Petition of *A. E. Vrooman* and others, of *Victoria*.

By the Honourable Mr. *McDongall*.—The Petition of the Town Council of *Barrie*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Orillia*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Currie*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Port Dalhousie*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Welland*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Chippawa*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Port Colborne*: also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Thorold*; also, the Petition of *J. W. Schooley* and others; also, the Petition of *A. B. Cook*, and others, all of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Sinclair*.—The Petition of the Town Council of *Kincardine*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Walkerton*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Port Elgin*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Southampton*.

By Mr. *McCraney*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Blenheim*.

By Mr. *Wigle*.—The Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Hurdy*.—The Petition of *William F. Harris* and others; also, the Petition of *D. C. Smythe* and others all of *Brant*; also, the Petition of the Deacons and Ministers of the Presbyterian Congregation of the Town of *Orillia*; also the Petition of the Town Council of *Brantford*; also, the Petition of the County Council of *Brant*.

By Mr. *Widdifield*.—The Petition of the County Council of *Aurora*.

By Mr. *Clarke (Norfolk)*.—The Petition of the Town Council of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Striker*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Wellington*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Picton*.

By Mr. *Scott*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Ashburnham*.

By Mr. *Monk*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *New Edinburgh*.

By Mr. *McMahon*.—The Petition of the Town Council of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *Long*.—The Petition of *Jemes Crawford* and others, of *Simcoe*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Penetanguishene*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Collingwood*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Barrie*.

By Mr. *Finlayson*.—The Petition of *A. J. Livingstone* and others of *Brant*.

By Mr. *Wilson*.—The Petition of *Alexander Fraser* and others, of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Harkin*.—The Petition of *S. Labrasse* and others, of *East Hawkesbury*.

By Mr. *Rosevear*.—The Petition of the Town Council of *Port Hope*.

By Mr. *Paxton*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Uxbridge*.

By Mr. *Sexton*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Grimsby*.

By Mr. *Fleming*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *New Hamburgh*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Preston*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Hespeler*.

By Mr. *Deroche*.—The Petition of the County Council of *Lennox* and *Addington*; also, the Petition of the *Toronto House Building Association*.

By Mr. *Graham (Lambton)*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Wyoming*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Portsmouth*.

By Mr. *Lyon*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Georgetown*.

By Mr. *Mostyn*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Lanark*.

By Mr. *Meredith*.—The Petition of the City Council of *London*.

By Mr. *Deacon*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Gibson*.—The Petition of the Town Council of *Seaforth*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Wroxeter*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*.—The Petition of the Village Council of *Bolton*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Brampton*.

By Mr. *Watterworth*.—The Petition of the High School Board of *Wardsville*.

By Mr. Merrick.—The Petition of the County Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Kemptville*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Mono*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Mosa*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *North Ridge*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *Haldimand*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *Brant*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Wellandport*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Whitby*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Union*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Stratford*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *St. Marys*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Scott* and *Uxbridge*.

By Mr. Richardson.—The Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Norfolk*.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the County Council of *Welland*; also, of the County Council of *Oxford*, severally praying for certain amendments to the *Ontario Medical Act*.

Of the City Council of *St. Catharines*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the election of Mayors.

Of the *North Simcoe Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of the *Credit Valley Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for completing the Railway.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. John's Church, Iroquois*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to mortgage certain lands.

Of the *Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of the Right Reverend *P. F. Crinnon*, of *Hamilton*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Roman Catholic Corporation of the Diocese of *Hamilton*.

Of the County Council of *Welland*, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act respecting the exemption clauses.

Of *Edward M. Hodder* and others, of *Toronto*; also, of *Francis Richardson* and others, of *Toronto*; also, of *Edwin Goodman* and others, of *Lincoln*; also, of *Alexander Macklin* and others, of *York*; also, of *Thomas Russell* and others, of *Durham*; also, of *D. Allen* and others, of *Durham*; also, of *William J. Boyce* and others, of *Northumberland*; also, of *John Winskel* and others, of *Norfolk*; also, of *S. B. Smith* and others, of *Ontario*; also, of *Frank Strangways* and others, of *Simcoe*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Trinity Medical School*.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable *Mr. Pardee*,

Ordered, That the names of Messieurs *Miller* and *Chisholm* be added to the Committee on Railways; Messieurs *Miller*, *Boulter*, and *Chisholm* to the Committee on Private Bills, and that the name of the Honourable Mr. *Wood* be omitted from the Committee on Railways.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable *Mr. Pardee*,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until half-past twelve To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act respecting references to the Supreme Courts of *Canada*, and the Exchequer Court of *Canada* in certain cases.” The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act to amend the Voters' Lists Act.”—*Mr. Hodgins*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 79), intituled "An Act respecting the Territorial Districts of Muskoka, *Parry Sound* and *Thunder Bay*, and the Provisional County of *Haliburton*."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 80), intituled "An Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures."—The Honourable Mr. *Wood*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

D. A. MACDONALD.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province until the Estimates for the year 1877 are finally passed, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
TORONTO, January 9th, 1877.

ESTIMATES.

For the service of the year 1877 until the } \$377,536 52.
Estimates of 1877 are finally passed. }

(*Sessional Papers No. 8.*)

Ordered, That the Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same be referred forthwith to the Committee of Supply.

The House according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province until the Estimates for the year 1877 are finally passed, having been read,

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and seventy-seven thousand five hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty-two cents (\$377,536.52), be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Civil Government, and for other purposes (as mentioned in the Statement accompanying the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, and annexed hereto), from the first day of January, 1877, to the passing of the Appropriation Act for the year 1877, and not exceeding the last day of March, 1877. Such expenditures to be confined to the ordinary necessary payments for the different services to which they respectively relate, and a detailed statement of such expenditures to be laid before the House before the second reading of the Appropriation Act of 1877; and the details of the said several services to be included in the detailed Estimates to be brought down to this House, as though this resolution had not passed; it being declared, that the expenditure under the head of "Public Works and Buildings" shall, in all cases, be confined to lapsed appropriations for 1876.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; and, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. *Hodgins*, from the Committee of Supply, reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and seventy-seven thousand five hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty-two cents (\$377,536 52) be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Civil Government, and for other purposes (as mentioned in the Statement accompanying the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor to this House, and annexed hereto), from the first day of January, 1877, to the passing of the Appropriation Act for the year 1877, and not exceeding the last day of March, 1877. Such expenditures to be confined to the ordinary necessary payments for the different services to which they respectively relate, and a detailed statement of such expenditures to be laid before the House, before the Second Reading of the Appropriation Act of 1877; and the details of the said several services to be included in the detailed Estimates to be brought down to this House, as though this Resolution had not passed; it being declared that the expenditure under the head of "Public Works and Buildings," shall, in all cases, be confined to lapsed appropriations for 1876.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding three hundred and seventy-seven thousand five hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty-two cents (\$377,536 52), to meet the Supply to that extent granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Resolved, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means to-morrow.

Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding three hundred and seventy-seven thousand five hundred and thirty-six dollars and fifty-two cents (\$377,536 52), to meet the Supply to that extent granted to Her Majesty.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. *Creighton*, seconded by Mr. *McGowan*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Contract under which the Printing of this House, and of the Public Departments of the Province, is being performed; also, Copies of all Correspondence, Orders in Council, or other documents relating to an alteration in the terms of said contract.

On motion of Mr. *Lauder*, seconded by Mr. *Bell*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause to be laid before this House: A Return showing in detail all property come to hands of the *Ontario Government* or any officer thereof representing the Crown, belonging to the late *Andrew Mercer*, of *Toronto*, showing:—

1. Amount of personal estate, specifying of what the same consists.
2. Amount of real property, stating value, and where situated.
3. Amount realized for the sale or transfer of said property.
4. Amounts in detail paid out for law costs or other expenses, showing to whom paid and on what authority.
5. A statement, showing where moneys and securities of said estate are now deposited, and in whose custody.

The House then adjourned at 4.10 P.M.

Wednesday, 10th January, 1877.

12.30 o'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. *Pardee*—Two Petitions of the County Council of *Lambton*; also, the Petition of *Robert Pollock* and others, of *Stephen*; also, the Petition of *Asahel Clark* and others, of *Bosanquet*; also, the Petition of *John Doose* and others, of *McGillivray*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Bosanquet*; also, the Petition of the *Canada Company*.

By the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*—The Petition of *Mary Rose* of *West Gwillimbury*; also, two Petitions of the County Council of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Deacon*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Petewawa*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Alice*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Ross*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Westmeath*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Pembroke*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Horton*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Stafford*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Ross*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Bromley*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Douglas*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Arnprior*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Admaston*, No. 1043; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Renfrew*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *McNab*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Wilberforce*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Horton* and *McNab*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Hodgins*—The Petition of the *St. Catharines' Street Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Deroche*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Canada*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Sheffield*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Barrie*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Hamburg*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Fredericksburgh*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *North Addington*.

By Mr. *Clarke (Norfolk)*—The Petition of the County Council of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Tooley*—The petition of the Village Council of *Petersville*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *London East*.

By Mr. *McGowan*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Arthur*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Fergus*.

By Mr. *McDougall (Middlesex)*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Lucan*.

By Mr. *Paxton*—The Petition of *A. R. Pringle* and others, of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Bethune*—The Petition of *Rousell & Hutchinson*, and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Wilson*—The Petition of the Reverend *Albert Carman* of *Belleview*.

By Mr. *Hargrave*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Cobourg*, No. 52; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of Cobourg, No. 108; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Alnwick*; also, the Petition of *John McAllister* and others, of *Hamilton Township*.

By Mr. *Wills*—The Petition of *W. H. Pascoe* and others, of *Belleview*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Belleview*.

By Mr. *Grange*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *South Fredricksburg*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Richmond*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Lennox*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Richmond*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Napanee*.

By Mr. *Ferris*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Northumberland*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 670; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 180; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 620; all of *Northumberland*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Brighton*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *South Grey*.

By Mr. *Haney*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 36; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1363; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 554; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1369; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1191; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 526; also the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 419, all of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Code*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *South Lanark*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Montague*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Drummond*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Beckwith*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 48; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 31; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 512; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 705; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 190; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 206; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 88; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 381, all of *South Lanark*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 778; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 7, all of *Drummond*.

By Mr. *Mostyn*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1367; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 748; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 529; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 448; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 155; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange No 378; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 473, all of *North Lanark*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Pakenham*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Carleton Place*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Lanark*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *North Lanark*.

By Mr. *Preston*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Elizabethtown*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 14; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 22, all of *Leeds*.

By Mr. *Boulter*—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *North Hastings*.

By Mr. *O'Donoghue*—Two Petitions of the City Council of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Williams*—The Petition of *H. T. Crawford* and others, of *Hamilton*; also, the Petition of the Rector and Churchwardens of *Saint Mark's Church, Niagara*.

By Mr. *Merrick*—The Petition of *W. J. Parkhill* and others; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Pickering*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *Elgin*; also, of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Seneca*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Malahide*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Morris*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Mersea*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *King*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Greenock*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange of *Goderich*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Welland*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Euphemia*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Derry West*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Ekfrid*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Blenheim*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Biddulph*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Albion*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Adelaide*; also, the Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Walpole*.

By Mr. *Meredith*—The Petition of *Edward W. Harris* and others, of *London*.

By Mr. *Graham (Lambton)*—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Carman*, of *Belle-ville*.

By Mr. *Bishop*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Wingham*.

By Mr. *Massie*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Guelph*.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the *Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of the Town Council of *Orillia*, praying that an act may pass to extend and define the limits of the Town of *Orillia*.

Of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of *Ontario*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. Paul's Church, Almonte*, to mortgage the rectory lands; also, of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of *Ontario*, to the same effect.

Of the *Peel General Manufacturing Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of the Honourable *Frank Smith* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Home Savings and Loan Company*.

Of the Township Council of *East Hawkesbury*, praying that the Bill to divide the Township into two municipalities may not pass.

Of *Reuben Ruse* and others, of *Matilda*, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain survey in the Township of *Matilda*.

Of *John Valentine*, and others, of *Toronto*; also, of *F. D. Thurison*, and others, of *Wentworth*; also, of *John Hyndman*, and others, of *Exeter*; also, of *George Shirley*, and others, of *Lambton*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate "Trinity Medical School."

Of Messieurs *Gooderham* and *Worts*, and others, of *Toronto*; also, of Messieurs *Gordon*, *McKay*, and others, of *Toronto*; also of the Town Council of *Petrolia*; also of the Village Council of *Gananoque*; also of the Village Council of *Yorkville*; also of the Village Council of *Brighton*; also of the Village Council of *Stayner*; also of the Village Council of *Elora*; also, of the Village Council of *Drayton*; also, of the Village Council of *Clifford*; also, of the County Council of *Wentworth*; also, of the Town Council of *Oakville*; also, of the Town Council of *Mitchell*; also, of the Town Council of *St. Mary's*; also, of the Town Council of *Goderich*; also, of the Town Council of *Bowmanville*; also, of the Town Council of *Amherstburgh*; also, of the City Council of *Kingston*; also, of the Town Council of *St. Thomas*; also, of the Town Council of *Cornwall*; also of the Village Council of *Embro*; also, of the Town Council of *Woodstock*; also, of the Town Council of *Lindsay*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act respecting the Exemption clauses.

Of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *South Huron*; also, of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *East Lambton*; also, of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *North Ontario*; also, of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *South Ontario*; also, of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *West Lambton*; also, of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *South Perth*; also, of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Mulmur*; also, of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Bosunquet*; also, of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Wellandport*; also, of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Arthur*; also, of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Walter's Falls*; also, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of *Western Ontario*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East* and *West*.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself, and the Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

D. A. MACDONALD.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

I thank you for the Address you have passed in answer to the Speech with which I have opened the Session, and am well assured you will give full and careful consideration to the various measures which will come before you.

Government House,
Toronto, 10th January, 1877.

Mr. *Sinclair* moved, seconded by Mr. *Finlayson*,

That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing the number of Bills in Chancery filed, and the number of Writs of Summons issued, by the Clerks of the Superior and County Courts, from the 1st of January, 1876, to the 1st of January, 1877, and the number of defendants in each case. Also, the number of Office Copies of Bills in Chancery and Writs of Summons received by Sheriffs from the 1st of January, 1876, to

the 1st of January, 1877, and the number of defendants served by them during that period.

Mr. *Meredith* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Scott*,

That the following words be added to the Motion :—“Also the cases, if any, in which fees for service of process have been taxed where service has not been effected by the Sheriff; and also, the fees paid to the Sheriff for service of process in each case.”

And, a debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Detailed Statement of all Bonds and Securities recorded in the Provincial Registrar's Office since the last Return, submitted to the Legislative Assembly upon the 10th December, 1875, made in accordance with the provisions of Statute of *Ontario*, 32 Vic. cap. 29.—(*Sessional Papers*, No. 19.)

The House then adjourned at 2.30 p m

Thursday, 11th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. *Wood*—The Petition of *B. V. Jewett* and others, of *Lindsay*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Lindsay*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Verulam*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Emily*; also, Petition of Orange Lodge No. 114; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,324; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 664; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 557; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 510; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 510; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 855; all of *Victoria*.

By the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Mansfield*; also, The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Whitfield*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Mansfield*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Creemore*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Whitfield*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Honeywood*.

By Mr. *Widdifield*—The Petition of the Bishop of the Diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Paxton*—The Petition of *Whitby* and *Port Perry Extension Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Clarke (Norfolk)*—The Petition of the *Stratford* and *Huron Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Code*—The Petition of the High School Board of *Carleton Place*.

By Mr. *Robinson*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Sunbury*; also the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 1,001; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 912; also the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 674; also the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 641; also the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 709; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 336; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 365; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1034; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,032; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 958; also the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 841; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 481; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 316; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,332; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 834; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 834; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 325, all of *Frontenac*. Also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Kingston*; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 2; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 577; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 744; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 291; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 352; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 527; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 11, all of *South Frontenac*.

By Mr. Merrick—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of Brantford ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Burford ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Cheapside ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Jarvis ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Haldimand ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Erie ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Hullsville ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Leeds ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of North Leeds ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Augusta ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Wolford ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Oxford ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Wolford ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Oxford ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Marlborough ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Oxford ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Wolford ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Kemptville ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Merrickville.

By Mr. Scott—The Petition of the Orange Lodge No. 122 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 484 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,316 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 453 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,385 ; all of Peterborough ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of Lakefield ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of West Peterborough ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Peterborough.

By Mr. Bishop—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of Holmesville ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of Brenton Mills ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Devon ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Exeter ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of Elmville.

By Mr. Bell—The Petition of H. P. P. A. Dashwood and others, of York.

By Mr. Kean—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of Orillia ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Cold Water.

By Mr. Richardson—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of Port Dover ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Victoria ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of Lynedoch ; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Norfolk.

By Mr. Wigle—The Petition of George Russell and others, of Essex.

By Mr. Brown—The Petition of the Township Council of Pickering ; also, the Petition of R. S. Campbell and others, of Whitby.

By Mr. Hargrave—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of Cobourg ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Cobourg.

By Mr. Monk—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of Ottawa ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of March and Huntley ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Ottawa ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Carleton ; also, the Petition of the County Council of Carleton.

By Mr. Cole—The Petition of the Town Council of Brockville ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Chatham.

By Mr. Striker—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of Port Perry ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Northport ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 488 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 893, all of Prince Edward ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Prince Edward.

By Mr. Bethune—The Petition of the incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario.

By Mr. Wells—The Petition of the County Council of Hastings.

By Mr. McGowan—The Petition of George A. Drew and others, of Wellington.

By Mr. Long—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of Burrie ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Allandale ; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Nevis ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Collingwood ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Stayner ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Creemore ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Dun Eden ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of Duntroon ; also, the Petition of William Purvis and others, of Simcoe.

The following Petitions were severally received and read :—

On the Toronto House Building Association, praying that an Act may pass to change their corporate name to that of the Toronto Loan and Land Company, and for amendments to their Act of incorporation.

Of the High School Board of Wardsville, praying for certain amendments to the School law.

Of the County Council of *Victoria*, praying for certain amendments to the *Ontario Medical Act*.

Of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of *Orillia*, praying that an Act may pass to remove the dead from certain lands, and for power to sell said lands.

Of the Town Council of *Dundas*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to exempt a certain factory from taxation.

Of the Town Council of *Barrie*, praying that an Act may pass to legalize By-law No. 266 of that Town.

Of *S. Labrasse* and others, of *East Hawkesbury*, praying that the Bill to disunite *East Hawkesbury* may not pass.

Of the Village Council of *Kemptville*; also, of the Village Council of *Port Elgin*; also, of the Village Council of *Southampton*; also, of the Village Council of *Wellington*; also, of the Town Council of *Brantford*; also, of the Village Council of *Renfrew*; also, of the Village Council of *Wroxeter*; also, of the Village Council of *Lanark*; also, of the Village Council of *Wyoming*; also, of the Village Council of *Portsmouth*; also, of the Village Council of *Georgetown*; also, of the Village Council of *Uxbridge*; also, of the Village Council of *Grimsby*; also, of the Village Council of *New Hamburg*; also, of the Village Council of *Preston*; also, of the Village Council of *Hespeler*; also, of the County Council of the United Counties of *Lennox and Addington*; also, of the Village Council of *Port Dalhousie*; also, of the Village Council of *Welland*; also, of the Village Council of *Chippewa*; also, of the Village Council of *Port Colborne*; also, of the Village Council of *Blenheim*; also, of the Village Council of *Aurora*; also, of the Village Council of *Ashburnham*; also, of the Village Council of *Edinburgh*; also, of the Village Council of *Penetanguishene*; also, of the Town Council of *Collingwood*; also, of the Town Council of *Picton*; also, of the Town Council of *Simcoe*; also, of the Town Council of *Kincardine*; also, of the Town Council of *Walkerton*; also, of the Town Council of *Orillia*; also, of the Town Council of *Barrie*; also, of the Town Council of *Thorold*; also, of the Town Council of *Brampton*; also, of the Town Council of *Seaforth*; also, of the Town Council of *Port Hope*; also, of the City Council of *London*; also, of the County Council of *Brant*; also, of the County Council of the United Counties of *Lennox and Addington*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts, with respect to the Exemption clauses.

Of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Brant*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Haldimand*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Essex*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Union*; also of Loyal Orange Lodge of *Stratford*, also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *St. Marys*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Scott and Uxbridge*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Whitby*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Wellandport District*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *North Ridge*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Mosa*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Mono*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Norfolk*; severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East and West*.

Of *A. E. Vrooman* and others, of *Victoria*; also, of *A. J. Sinclair* and others, of *Brant*; also, of *Alexander Fraser*, and others, of *Elgin*; also, of *James Crawford* and others, of *Simcoe*; also, of *W. J. Harris* and others, of *Brant*; also, of *R. C. Smyth* and others, of *Brant*; also, of *A. L. Cook* and others, of *Welland*; also, of *J. W. Schooley* and others, of *Welland*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate *Trinity Medical School*.

Mr. *Deroche*, from the Committee on Standing Orders, presented their First Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that the Rules of the House have been complied with therein:—

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of the Church of *St. Alban the Martyr, Ottawa*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to mortgage certain church property in the City of *Ottawa*.

Of the Right Reverend *P. F. Crinnon*, Roman Catholic Bishop of *Hamilton*, praying that an Act may pass to amend a certain Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Canada*, and to incorporate the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of *Hamilton*.

Of *Edward M. Hodder* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Trinity School of Medicine*.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of *Orillia*, praying that an Act may pass to extend and define the limits of the said Town of *Orillia*.

Of the *Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Charter.

Of the Honourable *Frank Smith* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Home Savings and Loan Company*.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. John's Church, Iroquois*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to mortgage certain church lands, and for other purposes.

Of *Reuben Rase* and others, of *Matilda*, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain survey in the Township of *Matilda*.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the *Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Charter, and find that a clause therein relating to the shortening of publication of the notice in the *Ontario Gazette*, and the local papers for the calling of the Special General Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, is not covered by the notices furnished to the Committee. The Committee however, beg leave to report the said Petition; at the same time calling the attention of the Railway Committee to the foregoing.

The Committee recommend that so much of Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House as relates to the reception of Petitions for Private Bills be suspended during the present Session, and that the time limited for the reception of such Petitions be extended until Tuesday, the 16th instant, inclusive.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 22), intituled "An Act respecting the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of *Hamilton*."—*Mr. Williams*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 36), intituled "An Act respecting the Church of *St. Alban* the Martyr, in *Ottawa*."—*Mr. Hodgins*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 51), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Home Savings and Loan Company, Limited."—*Mr. Bell*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 73), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Dentistry."—*Mr. Boulter*.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 74), intituled "An Act to amend the Free Grants and Homestead Act."—*Mr. Miller*.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 75), intituled "An Act to extend the Franchise for Municipal purposes in Cities and Towns."—*Mr. Bethune*.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 80), For the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures.

Referred to a Select Committee composed as follows:—The Honourable *Mr. Wood*, *Messieurs Ballantyne, Bishop, Boulter, Clarke (Wellington), Gibson, Graham (Lambton), Hay, Merrick, Mostyn, Sexton, Sinclair, Springer, Richardson, Rosevear, Hardy, and Lyon*.

On motion of *Mr. Lauder*, seconded by *Mr. Meredith*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Copies of all correspondence under the control of the Government relating to the Appointment of the Superintendent of the *Orillia Asylum*.

On motion of Mr. *Lauder*, seconded by Mr. *Meredith*.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, Copies of the Reports made by the Provincial Secretary and the Inspector of Asylums, regarding the internal management of the Central Prison, as the result of any investigation by them, together with a copy of the evidence taken on the investigation.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor:—

The draft of the Revised Statutes of *Ontario*, together with the Third Report of the Commissioners for Consolidating the Statutes. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 20.)

The House then adjourned at 4.10 P.M.

Friday, 12th January, 1877

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*—The Petition of the Board of Directors of the *Upper Canada Bible Society*; also, the Petition of the *Woodstock Canadian Literary Institute*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*—Two Petitions of the City Council of *Toronto*; also, the Petition of *Robert Jaffray* and others, of *Toronto*; also, the Petition of *George Smith* and others, of *Toronto*; also, the petition of the Honourable *William Pearce Howland*.

By the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Niagara*; also, the Petition of the City Council of *St. Catharines*; also, the Petition of *Henry Tafford*, of *St. Catharines*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 86; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 125; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 354; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 465; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,083; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,196; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 607; all of *South Simcoe*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Currie*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Marshville*.

By Mr. *Bell*—Five Petitions of the City Council of *Toronto*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 929; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 657; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 657; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 387; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 588; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 140; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 215; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 711; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 551; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 342; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 479; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 675; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 127; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 136; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 301; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 212; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 375; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 821; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 111; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 781, all of *Toronto*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Centre Toronto*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *East Toronto*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *West Toronto*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *McLeod*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 405; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 640; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 640; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 74; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 276; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 276; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 408; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 43; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 43; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1073; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 764; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 915; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 311; also,

Petition of Orange Lodge No. 133; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 399; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 265; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 265; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 201, all of *Durham*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *West Durham*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Clarke*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Cartwright*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Darlington*.

By Mr. *Lander*—The Petition of the Township Council of *Proton*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Euphrasia*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Collingwood*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Holland*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Artemesia*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Proton*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Dundalk*.

By Mr. *McCraney*—The Petition of the *Bothwell* Land and Petroleum Company.

By Mr. *Flesher*—The Petition of the Township Council of *Caledon*.

By Mr. *Ballantyne*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Stratford*; also, the Petition of *William Davidson* and others, of *Perth*.

By Mr. *Dawson*—The Petition of *Hugh Wilson* and others, of *Shuniah*.

By Mr. *Ferris*—The Petition of *J. E. Dailey* and others, of *Colborne*.

By Mr. *Robinson*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 6, of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Coutts*—The Petition of *Robert Cumming* and others; also, the Petition of *J. B. Newman* and others, all of *Kent*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Monk*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 47; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 119; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 119; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 126; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 221, all of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Creighton*—The Petition of the Township Council of *Derby*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Egremont*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Sarawak*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Sullivan*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Owen Sound*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Keppel*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Sydenham*; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Meadford*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *St. Vincent*; also, the Petition of the County Council of *Grey*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 576; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 198, all of *Grey*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *St. Vincent*.

By Mr. *Wills*—The Petition of *Mary Ann O'Carroll*, of *Belleville*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 838; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 836; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 747; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 727; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 131; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 94; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 2, all of *South Hastings*.

By Mr. *Barr*—The Petition of the Township Council of *Melancthon*.

By Mr. *Fleming*—The Petition of the County Council of *Waterloo*.

By Mr. *Scott*—The petition of *F. S. Menzies* and others, of *Peterborough*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 49; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,072; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 457; all of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Long*—The Petition of *W. W. Colwell* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Richardson*—The Petition of the School Board of *Port Rowan*.

By Mr. *Springer*—The Petition of the County Council of *Waterloo*.

By Mr. *Rosevear*—The Petition of *James Baird* and others, of *Port Hope*.

By Mr. *Merrick*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Merritton*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Essex*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Augusta*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Beamsville*; also, the petition of the Orange Lodge of *Oxford*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Wolford*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Grenville*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *South Gower*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Grenville*.

By Mr. *Williams*—The Petition of the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest*.

By Mr. *Sinclair*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Port Elgin*.

By Mr. *Deacon*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 340 of *Renfrew*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Westmeath*.

By Mr. *Appleby*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Mill Point*.

By Mr. *Patterson (Essex)*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Windsor*.

By Mr. *Boulter*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Ellan Gowen*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Dunkeld*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Pinkerton*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Malcolm*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Greenock*.

By Mr. *Hunter*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Durham*; also, the Petition of *Archibald Hunter* and others, of *Grey*.

By Mr. *Brown*—The Petition of the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company*.
By Mr. *Williams*—The Petition of the *Hamilton and North-Western Railway Company*.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the County Council of *Lambton*, praying for the establishment of a Drainage Fund.

Of *Robert Pollock* and others, of *Stephen*; also, of *Asupel Clarke* and others, of *Bosanquet*; also, of *John Doose* and others, of *McGillivray*; also, of the *Canada Company*; also, of the Township Council of *Bosanquet*, severally praying that an Act may pass to confirm and legalize a new survey in the Townships of *Bosanquet* and *McGillivray*.

Of *John McAllister*, of *Hamilton Township*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing *B. McAllister* to convey to *D. McAllister* lot No. 21, on the south side of *William Street*, in the Town of *Cobourg*, and for other purposes.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. Mark's Church, Niagara*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to sell certain lands.

Of the *St. Catharine's Street Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for building their road.

Of the City Council of *Ottawa*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Water Works Act.

Of the City Council of *Ottawa*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to change the names of certain streets.

Of the Town Council of *Belleville*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the City of *Belleville*.

Of *H. T. Crawford* and others, of *Hamilton*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Standard Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Of the County Council of *Lambton*, praying for certain amendments to the *Ontario Medical Act*.

Of the County Council of *Norfolk*, respecting the distribution of the Municipal Loan Fund.

Of the County Council of *Simcoe*, praying that the Assessment Act may be so amended that there be no Exemptions whatever.

Of *Roswell and Hutchinson*, and others, of *Toronto*, praying for the abolition of the Educational Book Depository.

Of *Edward William Harris* and others, of *London*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the London Real Estate Association.

Of the Reverend *A. Carman*, of *Belleville*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Alma College St. Thomas.

Of the Reverend *A. Carman*, of *Belleville*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.

Of *A. R. Pringle* and others, of *Ontario*; also, of *Wm. H. Pascoe*, and others, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Trinity Medical School.

Of the Village Council of *Arthur*; also, of the Village Council of *London East*; also, of the Village Council of *Petersville*; also, of the Village Council of *Lucan*; also, of the Village Council of *Fergus*; also, of the Town Council of *Guelph*; also, of the Village Council of *Wingham*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to the Exemption Clauses.

Of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Petewawa*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Alice*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Ross*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Westmeath*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Pembroke*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Horton*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Stafford*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Ross*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Bromley*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Douglas*;

also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Arnprior*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Admaston*, No. 1043; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Admaston*, No. 695; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Renfrew*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *McNab*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Wilberforce*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Horton* and *McNabb*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Renfrew*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Canada*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Sherfield*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Barrie*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Hamburg*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Fredericksburg*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *North Addington*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Cobourg*, No. 52; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Cobourg*, No. 108; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Alnwick*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *South Fredericksburg*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Richmond*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Lennox*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Richmond*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Napanee*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Northumberland*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 670; also of *Northumberland*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Brighton*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *South Grey*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 36; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1363; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 554; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1369; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1191; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 526; also of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 419, all of *Northumberland*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *South Lanark*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Montague*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Drummond*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Beckwith*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 48; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 31; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 512; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 705; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 190; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 206; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 88; also of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 381, all of *South Lanark*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 778; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 7, all of *Drummond*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1367; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 748; also of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 529; also of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 448; also of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 155; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 378; also of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 473, all of *North Lanark*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Pakenham*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Carleton Place*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Lanark*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *North Lanark*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Elizabethtown*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 14; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 22, all of *Leeds*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *North Hastings*; also, of *W. J. Parkhill* and others; also, of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Pickering*; also, of the Loyal Orange County Lodge of *Elgin*; also, of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Senecca*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Malahide*; also of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Morris*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Mersea*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *King*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Greenock*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Goderich*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Welland*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Euphemia*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Derry West*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Ekfrid*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Blenheim*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Biddulph*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Albion*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Adelaide*; also, of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Walpole*; severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Associations of *Ontario East* and *West*.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable *Mr. Wood*,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended until Tuesday, the sixteenth instant, as recommended by the Standing Orders Committee.

The following Bills were severally introduced, and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 7), intituled "An Act to extend and define the limits of the Town of *Orillia*."
—*Mr. Kean*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 81), intituled "An Act to facilitate the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the Manufacturing of Butter, Cheese and other Dairy Products."—Mr. *Wills*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 28), intituled, "An Act respecting the *Port Dover* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company."—Mr. *Clarke (Norfolk)*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 77), intituled, "An Act to extend the Voters' Lists Act to Municipal Elections."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 78), intituled, "An Act to prevent Betting or Wagering on Elections for Members of the Legislative Assembly of *Ontario*."—The Honourable Mr. *Currie*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*,

Resolved, That, as a mark of respect for the memory of the late *Peter Graham*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Frontenac*, this House do now adjourn.

The House then adjourned at 3.45 P. M.

Monday, 15th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. Speaker presented to the House:—

Annual Statement of business of the *London Life Insurance Company*, (*Sessional Papers*, No. 21).

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*—The Petition of the School Board of *Kemptrile*; also, the Petition of the School Board of *Markham*; also, the Petition of the School Board of *Prescott*; also the Petition of the School Board of *Renfrew*; also, the Petition of the School Board of *Drummondville*; also, the Petition of the School Board of *Pembroke*; also the Petition of the Town Council of *Ingersoll*; also, the Petition of the Village Council of *Norwich*; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Culloden*; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Blenheim*; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Tilsburgh*; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Oxford*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Ingersoll*.

By Mr. *Boulter*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Haliburton*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 199; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 468; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 975; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,109; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,110; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,163; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,278; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,287; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,357; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,406; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,412, all of *Haliburton*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Chippewa*; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Port Robinson*; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Stevensville*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Drummondville*; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Dunnville*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Fenwick*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Port Colborne*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Allunburgh*.

By Mr. *Preston*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Newboro*.

By Mr. *Coutts*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Blenheim*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Chatham*.

By Mr. *Monk*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *March*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Huntley*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge No. 43, of *Huntley*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *North Gower*.

By Mr. *McRae*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,410; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,404; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,318; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,311; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 996; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 952; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 820; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 539; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 294; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 120; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 96; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 41; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 32; all of *Victoria*.

By Mr. *Ross*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Hullett*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Goderich*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Blyth*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge No. 793, of *Blyth*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Port Albert*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge No. 1,388; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,343, of *South Huron*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Goderich*; also, the Petition of *R. Clendenning* and others, of *Goderich*.

By Mr. *Merrick*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 194; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 511; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 26; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 100; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 27, all of *South Leeds*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Gananoque*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Escott*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *South Leeds*; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 49; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 47; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 87; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 90; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 225; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 289; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 42; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 127; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 650; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 2, all of *North Leeds*.

By Mr. *Graham*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge No. 626; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 998; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 819; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 514; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 830; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 536; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 911, all of *East Lambton*.

By Mr. *Widdifield*—The Petition of *J. Burns* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *McGowan*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 255; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 681, all of *Arthur*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Rothsay*.

By Mr. *Hardy*—The Petition of *Andrew Hudson* and others, of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Richardson*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge *Norfolk*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Waterford*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Courtland*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Houghton*.

By Mr. *Bell*—The Petition of *William Lacy* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Lauder*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Petrolia*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 969; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 261; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 65; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 106; all of *Northumberland*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 823; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 360; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,274; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,323; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,108, all of *Brant*.

By Mr. *Deacon*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1267; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,172; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,102; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 341, all of *Lincoln*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 161; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 171; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 29; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 283; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 895; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 876, all of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 604; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 63; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 61; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,020; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,174; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,027; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 263; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 708; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 249; also, the

Petition of Orange Lodge No. 157 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 76 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 5, all of *Peel*.

By Mr. *Gibson*.—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 863 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 459, all of *Huron*.

By Mr. *Sinclair*.—Two Petitions of the County Council of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *O'Donoghue*.—The Petition of *J. Durie* and others, of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Dawson*.—The Petition of *John Leys* and others, of *Sault Ste. Marie*.

By Mr. *Massie*.—The Petition of the *Guelph* Street Railway Company.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Whitby* and *Port Perry Extension* Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation.

Of the School Board of *Carleton Place*, praying for certain amendments to the High School Act.

Of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Toronto*, and others, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to sell certain lands for the benefit of *St. Paul's Church, Newmarket*.

Of *George Russell* and others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Leamington, Comber and Lake St. Clair* Railway Company.

Of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to conduct inquiries upon oath.

Of the Town Council of *Cobourg*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to grant Bonuses to certain Manufactories.

Of the Canadian Literary Institute of *Woodstock*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation, and to authorize them to mortgage certain property.

Of the *Upper Canada Bible Society*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation.

Of the City Council of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to legalize a By-law authorizing the issue of Debentures.

Of the City Council of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass respecting the *Toronto Street Railway*.

Of *W. P. Howland* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Canadian Industrial Exhibition Company.

Of *Robert Jaffray* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of *Toronto*.

Of *Henry Puffard* and others, of *Niagara* ; also, of the Town Council of *Niagara* ; also, of the City Council of *St. Catharines*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Niagara* and *St. Catharines* Railway Company.

Of the Town Council of *Windsor*, praying that an Act may pass to legalize a By-law for the issue of Debentures.

Of the County Council of *Waterloo*, praying for certain amendments to the *Ontario Medical Act*.

Of *J. B. Newman* and others, of *Chatham* ; also, of *Robert Cumming* and others, severally praying for certain amendments to the *Drainage Act*.

Of the *Pickering Harbour and Road Company*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to issue Debentures.

Of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Niagara* and others, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to sell certain lands for the benefit of *St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest*.

Of the High School Board of *Port Rowan*, praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

Of the Village Council of *Port Elgin*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to sell certain lands.

Of *W. W. Colwell* and others, praying that an Act may pass to alter the survey of certain lots in the Town of *Collingwood*.

Of *B. V. Jewett* and others, of *Lindsay* ; also, of *R. S. Campbell* and others, of *Whitby* ;

also, of the County Council of *Carleton*; also, of the County Council of *Hastings*; also, of the Town Council of *Brockville*; also, of the Township Council of *Pickering*; also, of *George Smith* and others, of *Toronto*; also, of the Town Council of *Stratford*; also, of the Village Council of *Mill Point*; also, of the City Council of *Toronto*; also, of the County Council of *Waterloo*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to the Exemption clauses.

Of the City Council of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto Water Works Commission*.

Three petitions of the City Council of *Toronto*, severally praying for certain amendment to the Municipal Act with respect to Polling-places, Roadways and the election of Mayors and Aldermen.

Of *Hugh Wilson* and others, of *Shuniah*, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Act organizing the Municipality of *Shuniah*.

Of the *Hamilton and North-Western Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation, and to make valid certain By-laws granting aid to said Railway.

Of the County Council of *Grey*; also, of the Township Council of *Derby*; also, of the Town Council of *Owen Sound*; also, of the Township Council of *St. Vincent*; also, of the Town Council of *Meaford*; also, of the Township Council of *Sarawak*; also, of the Township Council of *Sydenham*; also, of the Township Council of *Egremont*; also, of the Township Council of *Keppel*; also, of the Township Council of *Sullivan*; also, of the Township Council of *Melanchton*; also, of the Township Council of *Holland*; also, of the Township Council of *Collingwood*; also, of the Township Council of *Proton*; also, of the Township Council of *Euphrasia*; also, of the Township Council of *Artemesia*, severally praying that an Act may pass to reunite the North and South Ridings of *Grey* for Registration purposes.

Of the Town Council of *Durham*; also, of *Archibald Hunter* and others of *Grey*, severally praying that the Bill to re-unite the North and South Ridings of *Grey* for registration purposes may not pass.

Of the Township Council of *Caledon*, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a survey.

Of *William Davidson* and others, of *Perth*; also, of *William Purvis* and others, of *York*; also, of *H. P. P. A. Dashwood* and others, of *Toronto*; also, of *George A. Drew* and others, of *Wellington*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate *Trinity Medical School*.

Of *Joseph Menzies* and others, of *Peterborough*; also, of *J. E. Dailey* and others, of *Northumberland*; also, of *James Baird* and others, of *Port Hope*, severally praying that the *Book Depository* may be abolished.

Of the Orange Lodge of *Lindsay*; also, of Orange Lodge of *Verulam*; also, of Orange Lodge of *Emily*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 114; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,324; also, of Orange Lodge No. 664; also of Orange Lodge No. 557; also, of Orange Lodge No. 510; also of Orange Lodge No. 510; also of Orange Lodge No. 855, all of *Victoria*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Mansfield*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Whitfield*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Mansfield*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Creemore*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Whitfield*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Honeywood*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Sunbury*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,001; also of Orange Lodge No. 912; also, of Orange Lodge No. 674; also, of Orange Lodge No. 641; also of Orange Lodge No. 709; also, of Orange Lodge No. 336; also, of Orange Lodge No. 365; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,034; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,032; also, of Orange Lodge No. 958; also, of Orange Lodge No. 841; also, of Orange Lodge No. 481; also, of Orange Lodge No. 316; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,332; also, of Orange Lodge No. 834; also, of Orange Lodge No. 834; also, of Orange Lodge No. 325; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Kingston*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 2; also, of Orange Lodge No. 577; also, of Orange Lodge No. 744; also, of Orange Lodge No. 291; also, of Orange Lodge No. 352; also, of Orange Lodge No. 527; also, of Orange Lodge No. 11, all of *South Frontenac*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Brantford*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Burford*; also of the Orange Lodge of *Cheapside*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Jarris*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Haldimand*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Erie*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Hullsville*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Leeds*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *North Leeds*; also, of the Orange Lodge of

Augusta; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Wolford*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Oxford*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Marlborough*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Oxford*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Wolford*; also, of the Orange Lodge *Kemptville*, also, of the Orange Lodge of *Merrickville*; also, of the Orange Lodge No. 122; also, Orange Lodge No. 484; also, of Orange Lodge, No. 1,316, also, of Orange Lodge, 453; also, of Orange Lodge, 1,385, all of *Peterborough*; also, of Orange Lodge of *Lakefield*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *West Peterborough*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Peterborough*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Holmesville*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Brenton Mills*; also of the Orange Lodge of *Devon*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Exeter*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Elmville*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Orillia*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Cold Water*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Port Dover*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Victoria*; also, of Orange Lodge of *Lynedoch*; also, of *Norfolk*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Cobourg*; also, of the Town Council of *Cobourg*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Ottawa*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *March and Huntley*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Ottawa*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Carleton*; also, of the Town Council of *Brockville*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Chatham*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Port Perry*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Northport*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 488; also of Orange Lodge, No. 893, all of *Prince Edward*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Prince Edward*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Barrie*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Allandale*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Nevis*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Collingwood*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Stayner*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Creemore*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Dun Eden*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Duntroon*; also, of *William Purvis* and others, of *Simcoe*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 86; also, of Orange Lodge No. 125; also, of Orange Lodge No. 354; also, of Orange Lodge No. 465; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,083; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,196; also, of Orange Lodge No. 607, all of *South Simcoe*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Marshville*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 929; also, of Orange Lodge No. 657; also, of Orange Lodge No. 657; also, of Orange Lodge No. 387; also, of Orange Lodge No. 588; also, of Orange Lodge No. 140; also, of Orange Lodge No. 215; also, of Orange Lodge No. 711; also, of Orange Lodge No. 551; also, of Orange Lodge No. 342; also, of Orange Lodge No. 479; also, of Orange Lodge No. 675; also, of Orange Lodge No. 127; also, of Orange Lodge No. 136; also, of Orange Lodge No. 301; also, of Orange Lodge No. 212; also, of Orange Lodge No. 375; also, of Orange Lodge No. 821; also, of Orange Lodge No. 111; also, of Orange Lodge No. 781, all of *Toronto*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Centre Toronto*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *East Toronto*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *West Toronto*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Toronto*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 405; also, of Orange Lodge No. 640; also, of Orange Lodge No. 640; also, of Orange Lodge No. 74; also, of Orange Lodge No. 276; also, of Orange Lodge No. 276; also, of Orange Lodge No. 408; also, of Orange Lodge No. 43; also, of Orange Lodge No. 43; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,073; also, of Orange Lodge No. 764; also, of Orange Lodge No. 915; also, of Orange Lodge No. 311; also, of Orange Lodge No. 133; also, of Orange Lodge No. 399; also, of Orange Lodge No. 265; also, of Orange Lodge No. 265; also, of Orange Lodge No. 201, all of *Durham*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *West Durham*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Clarke*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Curtwright*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Darlington*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Proton*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Dundalk*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 6, of *Kingston*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Oxford*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 47; also, of Orange Lodge No. 119; also, of Orange Lodge No. 119; also, of Orange Lodge No. 126; also, of Orange Lodge No. 221, all of *Ottawa*; also of Orange Lodge No. 576; also, of Orange Lodge No. 198, all of *Grey*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *St. Vincent*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 838; also, of Orange Lodge No. 836; also of Orange Lodge No. 747; also, of Orange Lodge No. 727; also, of Orange Lodge No. 131; also, of Orange Lodge No. 94; also, of Orange Lodge No. 2, all of *South Hastings*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 49; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,072; also, of Orange Lodge No. 457, all of *Peterborough*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Merriton*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Essex*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Augusta*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Beamsville*, also, of the Orange Lodge of *Oxford*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Wolford*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Grenville*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *South Gower*;

also, of the Orange Lodge of *Grenville*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 340 of *Renfrew*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Westmeath*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Ellan Gowan*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Dunkeld*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Pinkerton*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Malcolm* also, of the Orange Lodge of *Greenock*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East* and *West*.

The following Bills were severally introduced, and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 82), intituled, “An Act respecting payment to Unorganized Townships, or parts of Districts under the Municipal Loan Fund Scheme.”—The Honourable Mr. *Crooks*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 83), intituled, “An Act to amend the Acts respecting the sale of Fermented or Spirituous Liquors.”—The Honourable Mr. *Crooks*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 84), intituled, “An Act to extend Cap. 45 of the Con. Stat. for *Upper Canada*, intituled “An Act respecting Mortgages and Sales of personal property in the Districts of *Muskoka*, *Parry Sound*, *Thunder Bay* and *Nipissing*.”—Mr. *Deacon*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Boulter*, seconded by Mr. *Wills*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the number of High Schools in operation during the year 1876; number and location of such schools as have been ordered to be closed during the present year, and the reasons for such closing.

Mr. *Bethune* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hardy*,

That there be laid before this House, a Return of the following documents relating to the Book Depository Branch of the Department of Education—A statement of the Booksellers’ Association presented to the Minister of Education, and all documents which will show the action of the Minister thereon—A statement showing the value of the books disposed of by the Department during the year 1876.

And a debate having arisen, the Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

D. A. MACDONALD :

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the services of the Province for the year ending 31st December, 1877, and for balance to complete the services of 1875, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
January 15th, 1877.

ESTIMATES.

For the service of the year 1877	\$2,520,999 23
For the service of the year 1875	19,223 87
Total	\$2,540,223 10

(*Sessional Papers*, No. 8.)

Ordered, That the Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Deacon,

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the existing system of Life Insurance as carried on in the Province of Ontario, and the expediency or otherwise, of establishing a system of State Life Insurance in the Province of Ontario, composed as follows:—Messieurs Ferris, Meredith, McMahon, Deacon, Hardy, and Scott.

And the Motion having been put, was lost on a division.

The House then adjourned at 6 P.M.

Tuesday, 16th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By the Honourable Mr. McDougall—The Petition of *W. H. Miller* and others, of *Toronto*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 885; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 9; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 66; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 702; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 449; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 89; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 694; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 209; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,053; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 877; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 605; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 450; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 450; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 533; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 589; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 73; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 16, all of *South Simcoe*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Bradford*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Barrie*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *South Simcoe*.

By the Honourable Mr. Currie—The Petition of the Village Council of *Fort Erie*.

By Mr. Lauder—The Petition of *P. D. Conger* and others, of *Toronto*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Grey*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 509; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,383; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 632; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 244; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,192; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 668, all of *South Grey*.

By Mr. Clarke (*Norfolk*)—The Petition of *Charles M. Covernton* and others, of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. Striker—The Petition of *George Noble* and others, of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. Wilson—The Petition of the County Council of *Elgin*; also the Petition of *R. L. Chandler* and others, of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. Watterworth—The Petition of the School Board of *Strathroy*; also the Petitions of the County Council of *Middlesex*; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,186; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 981; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 831; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 543; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 537; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 517; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 658; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 593, all of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. Deroche—The Petition of Orange Lodge of *Central Addington*; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 728; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 532; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 368, all of *Lennox*.

By Mr. Tooley—Three Petitions of the County Council of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. Creighton—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,031; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 997; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,322; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,302; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 101; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 801; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,387; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 828; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 896; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 67; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 992; also the Petition of

Orange Lodge No. 1,319; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 611, all of *South Grey*; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Sullivan*; also the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Owen Sound*; also the Petition of the Town Council of *Owen Sound*.

By Mr. *Long*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Barrie*; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 644; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 622; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 649; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,119; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 985, all of *North Simcoe*; also the Petition of the School Board of *Collingwood*.

By Mr. *Hargrave*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Cold Springs*; also the Petition of *R. H. Clarke* and others, of *Northumberland*; also the Petition of *F. W. Beebe* and others, of *Cobourg*; also the Petition of the Town Council of *Cobourg*.

By Mr. *Brown*.—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 891; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 822; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 957; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 686; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 167; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 796; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 665; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 168, all of *South Ontario*.

By Mr. *Rosevear*.—The Petition of the Town Council of *Port Hope*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 83; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 141; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 149; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 279; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 385; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 388; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 420; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 421; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 424; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 532; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 769; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 785; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1022; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1062; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 44; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 75, all of *Durham*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Port Hope*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *East Durham*.

By Mr. *Coutts*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,055 of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Ballantyne*—The Petition of the Township Council of *Mornington*.

By Mr. *Cole*—The Petition of *John McMullen* and others, of *Brockville*.

By Mr. *Broder*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 720; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 117; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 573, all of *Lincoln*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Niagara*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Malahide*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Elgin*; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 583; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 954; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 511, all of *North Ontario*.

By Mr. *Ferris*—The Petition of *J. W. Rolph* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *McDougall (Middlesex)*—The Petition of the Township Council of *Adelaide*; also, two Petitions of the County Council of *Middlesex*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 901; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,212; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 292; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 310; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 297; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 298; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 763, all of *West Middlesex*.

By Mr. *Wigle*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,218; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 808; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,225; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,140; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,283, all of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Lyon*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 166; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 245, all of *Halton*.

By Mr. *McGowen*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 112; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 351; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 655; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 531; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 970; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 656, all of *Perth*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Wallace*.

By Mr. *Deacon*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 503; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 470, all of *Renfrew*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 162, of *South Frontenac*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 162, of *South Frontenac*.

By Mr. *Baker*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Dalhousie*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Metcalfe*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1; also, the Petition

of Orange Lodge of *Russell*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,330; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 1,312; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,257; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 810; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 757; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 706; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 407; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 395; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 357; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 222; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 205; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 268, all of *Russell*.

By Mr. *Monk*.—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 373; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 57; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 326; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 338; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 525; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 541; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 476; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 30; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Fitzroy*, all of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *Patterson (Essex)*.—The Petition of the School Board of *Windsor*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 966; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1106, all of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Widdifield*.—The Petition of *James G. Hillary* and others, of *Uxbridge*.

By Mr. *Sexton*.—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Wentworth*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Ancaster*.

By Mr. *Lane*.—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Markham*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Scarborough*.

By Mr. *Hunter*.—The Petition of *R. Smith* and others, of *Egremont*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Bentinck*; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Glenely*.

By Mr. *Meredith*.—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 858; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 791; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 188, all of *London*; also, the Petition of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of *Huron*.

By Mr. *Boulter*.—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 590; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 91; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 516; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 415; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 736; all of *North York*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 211; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 142; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 807; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 455; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 696; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 260, all of *Peel*; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 307, of *Elgin*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,409, of *Monk*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 312; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 779, all of *Wentworth*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 687; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,151; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Enniskillen*, all of *Lambton*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 570, of *Ontario*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 423, of *Elgin*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Grange*.—The Petition of the School Board of *Napanee*.

By Mr. *Kean*.—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 414, of *Orillia*.

By Mr. *Merrick*.—The Petition of Orange Lodge of *Monck*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Brant*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Kent*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Springfield*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Elginfield*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Howick*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Turnbury*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 794; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 873; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 560, all of *Huron*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Paisley*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Gowan*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Walkerton*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Carlingford*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 759; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 313; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 768; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 707; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 591; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 518; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 492; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 45, all of *Perth*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 493; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,210, all of *Huron*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 286; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 286; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 71; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 554; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 776, all of *Wentworth*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No.

778 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 426, all of *York* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Wellington West* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Welland* ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Peel* ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *West Ontario* ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *East Bruce* ; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *North Huron* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *North York*.

Mr. Deroche, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that the Rules of the House have been complied with therein :—

Of the *Huron* and *Quebec* Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of *Robert Dennistoun* and others, of *Peterborough*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *William Hall, Peterborough, Protestant Poor Trust*.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. Paul's* Church, in the City of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to mortgage certain church property for the benefit of said church, and also to declare valid a certain mortgage now existing.

Of *John A. Campbell* and others, of *East Hawkesbury*, praying that an Act may pass to divide the Township of *East Hawkesbury* into two municipalities.

Of *J. L. Russ* and others, of *Drayton*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Conference of the Christian Church in *Canada*.

Of the Town Council of *Brautford*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Town of *Brantford* as a City.

Of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of *Ontario*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. Paul's* Church, *Almonte*, to mortgage the Rectory lands.

Of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of *Dundas*, praying that an Act may pass empowering them to pass a by-law exempting the *Canada Screw Company* from taxation for twenty-one years.

Of the *Canada Company*, praying that an Act may pass to confirm and legalize a new survey in the Townships of *Bosanquet* and *McGillivray*.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. Marks* Church, *Niagara*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to sell certain church lands.

Of the Corporation of the Town of *Belleville*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the said Town as a City, and also to consolidate the debt of the said Town.

Of *H. S. Crauford* and others, of *Hamilton*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Standard Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Of *W. J. Parkhill, John White* and others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Western* and *Eastern Ontario*.

Of the Rev. *A. Carman*, of *Belleville*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Alma College, St. Thomas*.

Of the Rev. *A. Carman*, of *Belleville*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of *Canada*.

Of the *Canadian Literary Institute* of *Woodstock*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation, and to authorize them to mortgage certain property.

Of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Niagara*, and others, praying that an Act may pass, authorizing the sale of certain lands for the benefit of *Saint Paul's* Church, *Mount Forest*.

Of the County Council of *Grey*, praying that an Act may pass to re-unite the North and South Ridings of *Grey* for registration purposes.

Of the *Stratford and Huron* Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation, and for other purposes.

Of the *Whitby and Port Perry Extension* Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, *Orillia*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the sale of certain lands by the Trustees of the *Orillia Presbyterian Church* ; also the Petition of the *Port Hope Harbour Commissioners*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to consolidate their debt ; and

find that in each of these cases the Notices have been published only five times in the *Ontario Gazette* and in the local papers ; but the Committee recommend the suspension of the Rule requiring six weeks' notice in each case, as they are of opinion that all parties interested have been sufficiently notified.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of *Robert Jaffray* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Metropolitan Street Railway Company*, and find that the local notices have been published in accordance with the Rules of your Honourable House ; but that through some error one insertion of Notice was omitted from the *Ontario Gazette*. The Committee recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of *Wm. E. Idsardi*, of *St. Thomas*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing his admission as a Provincial Land Surveyor, and find that the full term of Notice has been given in the local papers, but that such application has only appeared five times in the *Ontario Gazette* ; the Committee, however, recommend the suspension of the Rule therein.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the *North Simcoe Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their charter, and find the Notice, as published in the *Ontario Gazette*, sufficient ; a Notice relating to the Railway has appeared in the local papers for more than the prescribed time ; such Notice has, however, been altered so as to cover more distinctly the prayer of the Petition now before the Committee, and such amended Notice has appeared but five times in said local papers ; under the circumstances, however, the Committee recommend the suspension of the Rule in this instance.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of *Henry Paffard* and others, of *Niagara*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Niagara and St. Catharines Railway and Steamboat Company*, and find that so far as the application for the incorporation of a Railway Company is concerned, the Notices as published in the *Ontario Gazette* and in the local papers are regular, but that such Notices do not include the words "Steamboat Company."

The following Bills were severally introduced and read a first time :—

Bill (No. 27), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario West*, and the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East*."—Mr. Merrick.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 6), intituled "An Act to authorize the Town of *Dundas*, to pass a By-Law exempting the *Canada Screw Company* from taxation."—Mr. McMahon.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 34), intituled "An Act for the incorporation of the Christian Church in *Canada*."—Mr. Widdifield.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 9), intituled "An Act respecting *St. Paul's Church, Toronto*."—Mr. Hodgins.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 54), intituled "An Act for the admission of *William E. Idsardi* as a Provincial Land Surveyor."—Mr. Wilson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 11), intituled "An Act to re-unite the North and South Ridings of the County of *Grey* for the purposes of Registration of Titles."—Mr. Creighton.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 30), intituled "An Act to incorporate *Alma College*, at *St. Thomas*."—Mr. Wilson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 40), intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Trinity Medical School*."—Mr. Widdifield.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 10), intituled "An Act to amend the Act relating to the *Whitby and Port Perry Extension Railway Company*."—Mr. Paxton.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 44), intituled "An Act to erect the Town of Brantford into a City, under the name of the City of *Brantford*."—Mr. *Hardy*.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 33), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*."—Mr. *Graham*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 18), intituled "An Act to alter and amend the survey of the lands of the *Canada* Company in the Townships of *Bosanquet* and *McGillivray*."—Honourable Mr. *Pardee*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 26), intituled "An Act to legalize a certain survey in the Township of *Matilda*."—Mr. *Broder*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 12), intituled "An Act respecting *St. John's* Church, *Iroquois*."—Mr. *Broder*.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 3), intituled "An Act to incorporate the *William Hall*, *Peterborough*, Protestant Poor Trust."—Mr. *Scott*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 62), intituled "An Act respecting the *Huron* and *Quebec* Railway Company."—Mr. *Scott*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 24), intituled "An Act relating to *St. Mark's* Church, *Niagara*."—Mr. *Williams*.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 19), intituled "An Act respecting the *Stratford* and *Lake Huron* Railway."—Mr. *Hay*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 45), intituled "An Act to enable the Synod of *Niagara* to sell certain lands in *Arthur*."—Mr. *Williams*.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 31), intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Standard* Fire and Marine Insurance Company."—Mr. *Williams*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 61), intituled "An Act to consolidate the debt of the *Port Hope Harbour*."—Mr. *Rosevear*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* laid before the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report from Queen's Printer as to disposal of *Ontario* Statutes for 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 18.)

Also : Return of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion of *Canada*, and that of the Province of *Ontario*, on the subjects of Escheats and Forfeitures. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 22.)

Also : Papers and Correspondence with respect to the Book Depository Branch of the Education Department. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 23.)

Also : Return to an Address (in the Session of 1875-6) to the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he would cause to be laid before the House at its next Session, by the Inspector of Division Courts ; a Return from each of the Division Courts of the Counties of *York*, *Oxford* and the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, from the first day of October, 1875, to the thirty-first day of March, 1876, inclusive ; setting forth the total number of suits entered, exclusive of the interpleader suits. Garnishee causes and transcripts of judgments received from other Courts ; total amount of claims thus entered, total amount of transcripts of judgments received from other Courts, number of inter-

pleader Suits entered ; number of judgment Summons issued ; number of garnishee causes entered (before judgment) ; number of garnishee causes entered (after judgment) ; total amount of garnishee causes entered (before judgment) ; number of instances in which the Clerk has entered judgment under the second Section of the Division Courts Act of 1869 ; number of causes in which the Judge has given judgment ; number of transcripts of judgments from other Courts ; number of summonses received from other Courts for service ; the names, residence and occupation of the Clerks' sureties in the bond to Her Majesty, under the twenty-fourth section of the Division Courts Act ; amounts yet due on stamps if any there be ; total amounts of moneys paid into Court, and which remained unclaimed for six years on the 30th day of September last, amount of fines or forfeitures ; how many sittings of the Court ? How many returns have the Bailiffs of the Courts made under Rule 93, Form 126 ? ; total amount of suitor's money paid into Court ; total amount of suitor's money paid out of Court ; total aggregate of Clerk's and Bailiff's fees in the above suits. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 24.)

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1877 the following sums :—

1. To defray the expenses of Government House, *Toronto*, as follow :—

Water	\$265 00
Gas.....	900 00
Fuel	2,000 00
Repairs	700 00
Furnishing.....	200 00
Planting and Plants	100 00
Gardener	432 00
Assistant Gardener	350 00
Caretaker	365 00
Incidentals	200 00
Total.....	\$5,512 00

2. To defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office, as follow :—

Private Secretary.....	\$1,200 00
Official Secretary.....	800 00
Messenger	400 00
Contingencies	950 00
Total.....	\$3,350 00

3. To defray the expenses of the Executive Council and Attorney-General's Office, as follow :—

Attorney-General and Premier	\$5,500 00
Clerk of Executive Council and Deputy of Attorney-General	2,800 00
Secretary to Executive Council.....	1,200 00
Assistant Clerk, Attorney-General's department	900 00
Second Clerk, Attorney-General's department.....	600 00
Assistant Messenger.....	250 00
Towards establishing a Law Library	400 00
Contingencies, including stationery and repairs	1,600 00
Rent, Fuel, Gas and Water, Housekeeper and Fireman	1,320 00
Total	\$14,570 00

6. To defray the expenses of the Department of Public Works, as follow :—

Commissioner	\$4,500 00
Architect	2,200 00
Engineer	2,000 00
Secretary of Public Works.....	1,600 00
Accountant and Law Clerk	1,200 00
Architectural Draughtsman.....	939 00
Engineering Draughtsman	939 00
Assistant Draughtsman	800 00
First Clerk.....	800 00
Second Clerk.....	700 00
Carpenter, engaged on public buildings generally	624 00
Messenger	400 00
Contingencies	2,000 00
Office Maintenance	1,320 00
Total	\$20,022 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*) reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution ; and, That the Committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That The House will again resolve itself into a Committee of Supply To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 67), Respecting Escheats and Forfeitures.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 68), To Amend and Repeal certain Enactments of the last Session of the Legislature of this Province.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 70), Respecting references to the Supreme Court of *Canada*, and the Exchequer Court of *Canada*, in certain cases.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Meredith*, seconded by Mr. *Lauder*,

Ordered, That the name of Mr. *Wills* be added to the Select Committee on Bill (No. 80), for the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts, and Manufactures.

The House then adjourned at 5.35 P. M.

Wednesday, 17th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. *Pardee*—The Petition of *R. S. Gurd* and others, of *Surnia*.

By Mr. *Hargrave*—The Petition of *Dr. Hildreth* and others, of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Mostyn*—The Petition of the School Board of *Pakenham*.

By Mr. *Hay*—The Petition of the School Board of *Listowel*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read :—

Of *William Lang* and others ; also, of *J. Burns* and others, all of *Toronto*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate *Trinity Medical School*,

Of the Township Council of *Chatham*, praying for certain amendments to the Drainage Act.

Of *Andrew Hudson* and others ; also, of *J. Durie* and others, of *Ottawa* ; also, of *R. Clendening* and others, severally praying for the abolition of the Book Depository.

Of *John Leys* and others, of *Sault Ste. Marie*, praying that an Act may pass to extend the limits of the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie*.

Of the High School Board of *Prescott* ; also, of the High School Board of *Renfrew* ; also, of the High School Board of *Drummondville* ; also, of the High School Board of *Pembroke* ; also, of the High School Board of *Markham* ; also, of the High School Board of *Kemptville* ; also, two Petitions from the County Council of *Bruce*, severally praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

Of the Village Council of *Newboro'* ; also, of the Village Council of *Norwich* ; also, of the Town Council of *Ingersoll*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to the Exemption clauses.

Of *W. H. Cutten* and others, of *Guelph*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Guelph Street Railway Company*.

Of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Culloden* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Blenheim* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Tilsonburgh* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Oxford* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Ingersoll* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Haliburton* ; also, of Orange Lodge, No. 199 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 468 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 975 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,109 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,110 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,163 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,278 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,287 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,357 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,406 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,412, all of *Haliburton* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Chippewa* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Port Robinson* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Stevensville* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Drummondville* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Dunnville* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Fenwick* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Port Colborne* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Allanburgh* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Blenheim* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *March* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Huniley* ; also, of the Orange Lodge No. 43, of *Huntley* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *North Gower* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,410 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,404 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,318 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,311 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 996 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 952 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 820 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 539 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 294 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 120 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 96 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 41 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 32, all of *Victoria* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Hullett* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Goderich* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Blyth* ; also, of the Orange Lodge No. 793, of *Blyth* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Port Albert* ; also, of the Orange Lodge No. 1,388 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,343, of *South Huron* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Goderich* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 194 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 511 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 26 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 100 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 27, all of *South Leeds* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Gananoque* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Escott* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *South Leeds* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 49 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 47 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 87 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 90 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 225 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 289 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 42 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 127 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 650 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 2, all of *North Leeds* ; also, of the Orange Lodge No. 626 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 998 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 819 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 514 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 830 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 536 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 911, all of *East Lambton* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 255 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 681, all of *Athur* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Rorthsay* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Norfolk* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Waterford* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Courtland* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Houghton* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Petrolia* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 969 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 261 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 65 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 106, all of *Norrbumbeland* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 823 ; also, of Orange

Lodge No. 360; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,274; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,323; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,108, all of *Brant*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,267; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,172; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,102; also, of Orange Lodge No. 341, all of *Lincoln*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 161; also, of Orange Lodge No. 171; also, of Orange Lodge No. 29; also, of Orange Lodge No. 283; also, of Orange Lodge No. 895; also, of Orange Lodge No. 876, all of *Haldimand*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 604; also, of Orange Lodge No. 63; also, of Orange Lodge No. 61; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,020. also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,174; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,027, also, of Orange Lodge No. 263; also, of Orange Lodge No. 708; also, of Orange Lodge No. 249; also, of Orange Lodge No. 157; also, of Orange Lodge No. 76; also, of Orange Lodge No. 5, all of *Peel*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 863; also, of Orange Lodge No. 459, all of *Huron*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East and West*.

Mr. *Deroche*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that the Rules of the House have been complied with therein:—

Of the *Toronto* House Building Association, praying that an Act may pass to change their name to that of the *Toronto* Loan and Land Company, and for amendments to their Act of incorporation.

Of *John McAllister* and others of *Hamilton* Township, praying that an Act may pass authorizing *B. McAllister* to convey to *D. McAllister*, certain lands in the Town of *Cobourg*, and in the Township of *Hamilton*.

Of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Toronto* and others, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to sell certain lands for the benefit of *St. Paul's* Church, *Newmarket*.

Of *Geo. Russell* and others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Leamington, Comber and Lake St. Clair* Railway Company.

Of *W. P. Howland* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Canadian Industrial Exhibition* Company.

Of the Honourable *Wm. McMaster* and others, praying that an Act may pass to alter the survey of certain lots in the Town of *Collingwood*, and authorizing the Registrar of the County of *Simcoe* to register the same.

Of the Township Council of *Caledon*, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a survey in the Township of *Caledon*.

Of the Municipal Council of the Village of *Port Elgin*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to sell certain lands.

Of *Edward William Harris* and others, of *London*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *London Real Estate* Association.

Of the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Municipal Assessment and *Toronto Water Works* Acts.

Of the *Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora* Railway and Mining Company, praying that An Act may pass to amend their Charter.

Of the Town Council of *Barrie*, praying that an Act may pass legalizing a certain By-law of *Simcoe*.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the Town Council of *Windsor*, praying that an Act may pass to legalize a By-law for the issue of Debentures, and find that through an error the notice was omitted in several issues of the local paper in which it had been ordered to be published; five insertions have, however, appeared, and considering that evidence has been produced before the Committee showing that action has been taken by the Municipal Council in the matter, the record of which proceedings were duly published in the local papers, the Committee consider that all parties concerned have had sufficient notice, and recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of *Hugh Wilson* and others, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Act organizing the Municipality of *Shuniah*, and find that the full term of notice of such intended application has been given in the *Ontario*

Gazette; from the difficulty of winter communication with *Prince Arthur's Landing*, the place at which the local paper is published in which the local notices were inserted, the full number of such notices have not been produced before the Committee. The Committee have, however, been informed that such notices have been published the requisite number of times, and therefore recommend that the Rule be suspended in this case.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the *Credit Valley Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for the completion of the Railway and for other purposes, and find that the proper number of notices, as required by the Rules of your Honourable House, have been published in the *Ontario Gazette*, and in the *Toronto Daily Leader*, but that such notices have not been published in any other paper in any of the counties through which the said Railway runs; the Committee, however, recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their First Report, which read as follows:—

The Committee have examined Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of *Hamilton*, and report the Bill [without amendment.

The Committee have also examined the following Bills, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Church of *St. Alban the Martyr*, in *Ottawa*.

Also, Bill (No. 7), To extend and define the limits of the Town of *Orillia*.

Also, Bill (No. 51), To incorporate the Home Savings and Loan Company (Limited).

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the following Bills, the same being in connection with religious institutions:—

Bill (No. 22), Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of *Hamilton*; Bill (No. 7), Church of *St. Alban the Martyr*, in *Ottawa*.

Ordered.—That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the following Bills:—(No. 22), Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of *Hamilton*; (No. 7), Church of *St. Alban*, *Ottawa*.

Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, from the Committee on Printing, presented their First Report, which was read as follows:—

The Standing Committee on Printing present the following as their First Report:—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed:

Public Accounts for the year 1875. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 1.)

Third Report of the Commissioners for Consolidating the Statutes. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 20.)

Interim Report of the Registrar-General for the first six months of 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 16.)

Annual Report on Public Works for 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 5.)

Report on the Schools of Practical Science. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 13.)

Return shewing the number of Civil and Criminal cases entered for trial at the several Assizes since January, 1874. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 14.)

Return of Correspondents between the Governments of the Dominion of *Canada* and the Province of *Ontario* on the subject of Escheats and Forfeitures. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 22.)

Papers and Correspondence respecting the Depository Branch of the Education Department. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 23.)

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be not printed:—

Statement of business transacted by the *London Life Insurance Company* for 1875. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 21.)

Report from Queen's Printer as to disposal of *Ontario Statutes* for 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 18.)

Detailed Statement of all bonds and securities recorded in the Provincial Registrar's Office since last return submitted. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 19.)

Return from each of the Division Courts of the Counties of *York*, *Oxford*, and the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, from the first day of October, 1875, to the thirty-first day of March, 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 24.)

Copies of the abstract of Election Expenses incurred by, or in behalf of any candidate at the last general and subsequent elections. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 17.)

The Committee also recommend that one bound copy of the Journal and Sessional Papers of the House be sent annually to the Clerk of each County Council, City Council, and Town Council, separate from a County, for the use of said Councils; and that the said volumes for last Session be at once forwarded to said Clerks.

The Committee also recommend that the quorum of the Committee be reduced to three instead of five members.

Resolved, That the House doth concur in the First Report of the Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the quorum of the Committee on Printing be reduced to three members.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 59), intituled "An Act respecting the *Toronto Land and Loan Company*."

—*Mr. Deroche*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 2), intituled "An Act to divide the Township of *East Hawkesbury* into two Municipalities."—*Mr. Sinclair*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 21), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of *Port Elgin*."—*Mr. Sinclair*.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 32), intituled "An Act for the incorporation of the Town of *Belleview*."—*Mr. Wills*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 56), intituled "An Act respecting the City of *Toronto*, the *Toronto Water Works*, and other matters."—*Mr. Bell*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 42), intituled "An Act respecting the *Credit Valley Railway Company*."—*Mr. Bell*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 55), intituled "An Act respecting the *Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company*."—*Mr. Hargraft*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 25), intituled "An Act to enable *Bernard McAllister*, a Trustee, to convey certain lands."—*Mr. Hargraft*.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 41), intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Leamington, Comber and Lake St. Clair Railway Company*."—*Mr. Wigle*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 14), intituled "An Act to confirm a Survey of the Township of *Caledon*."—*Mr. Flesher*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 23), intituled "An Act respecting the *North Simcoe Railway Company*."—The Honourable *Mr. McDougall*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 86), intituled "An Act to extend the Municipal Franchise to Women."—*Mr. Clarke (Norfolk)*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 87), intituled, "An Act to extend the Franchise at Elections for the Legislative Assembly, so as to enable all male subjects of Her Majesty of full age to vote at such Elections."—Honourable Mr. *Currie*.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 38), intituled, "An Act respecting the Municipality of *Shuniah*."—Mr. *Dawson*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 49), intituled, "An Act respecting *St. Paul's* Church at *Newmarket*."—Mr. *Widdifield*.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 47), intituled, "An Act to legalize a By-law of the County of *Simcoe*."—Mr. *Long*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 15), intituled "An Act to confirm a survey of part of the Town of *Collingwood*."—Mr. *Long*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 20), intituled "An Act respecting *St. Paul's* Church in the Village of *Almonte*."—Mr. *Code*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 5), intituled "An Act respecting By-Law No. 240, of the Town of *Windsor*."—Mr. *Patterson (Essex)*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 46), intituled "An Act to incorporate the *London* Real Estate Association."—Mr. *Meredith*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 29), intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Metropolitan Street Railway Company of Toronto*."—The Honourable Mr. *Cameron*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 8), intituled "An Act respecting the *Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway Company*."—The Honourable Mr. *Cameron*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Lauder*,

Ordered, That there be laid before the House a Return of all Licences for the sale of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors, in the Province during the years 1875 and 1876. Such return to show the names and addresses of all persons so licensed, whether brewers, wholesale dealers, shop-keepers, tavern-keepers, or saloon-keepers, and distinguishing the nature of the Licence.

On motion of Mr. *Wills*, seconded by Mr. *Appleby*,

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the best method of preventing accidents to Brakesmen and Switchmen on Railways, when in discharge of their respective duties, with power to send for persons and papers, said Committee to be composed as follows:—The Honourable Messieurs *Currie* and *McDougall*, and Messieurs *Hardy*, *Hodgins* and *Wills*.

On motion of Mr. *Ferris*, seconded by Mr. *Bethune*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a Return showing the amount paid by the several Cities, Towns, and incorporated Villages for Police service; and also from the several Counties, Cities, Towns, and incorporated Villages, the several amounts paid to Constables for the year 1875.

On motion of Mr. *Long*, seconded by Mr. *Hunter*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return in respect to cases under the Act, 32nd and 33rd *Vic.* cap. 35, for the more speedy trial of Felonies and Misdemeanours, from the several Counties in *Ontario*, for the year 1876, showing in tabular form the following, viz:—

Name of County.	The number of prisoners brought before the County Judge under the second section of the Act.	The number of cases in which prisoners consented to be tried by the Judge without a jury.	Nature of offences in cases tried by the Judge without a jury.	The number of convictions in the cases so tried by the Judge.	The number of prisoners demanding a trial by jury.	The nature of the offences in cases where prisoners demanded to be tried by the ordinary Courts.	The number of convictions before the ordinary Courts in cases where the prisoner demanded to be tried by a jury.
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On motion of Mr. *Patterson (Essex)*, seconded by Mr. *Wigle*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence in the possession of the Government relative to appointments to the Magistracy in the North Riding of *Essex*.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1877, the following sums:—

4. To defray the expenses of the Treasurer's Office, as follows:—

Treasurer	\$4,500 00
Accountant	1,800 00
Clerk	1,000 00
Clerk.....	1,000 00
Clerk	800 00
Messenger and Clerk ..	500 00

Audit Branch.

Auditor	2,000 00
Book-keeper	1,100 00
Clerk.....	900 00

Licences, and Administration of Justice Accounts.

Clerk	1,600 00
Clerk	1,000 00
Clerk	500 00
Cost of maintenance of East Wing	2,000 00
Housekeeper, with house, fuel and light	400 00
Fireman	400 00
Contingencies	1,500 00
Total	\$21,000 00

5. To defray expenses of Secretary and Registrar's Office, as follows:—

Secretary and Registrar.....	\$4,500 00
Assistant Secretary.....	1,600 00
Clerk.....	900 00

Clerk.....	\$700 00
Clerk.....	700 00
Deputy Registrar.....	1,200 00
Clerk.....	750 00
Clerk.....	600 00
Messenger.....	400 00
Expenses.....	2,350 00

Registrar-General's Branch :—

First Clerk.....	\$1,200 00
Clerk.....	700 00
Three Clerks, \$700 each.....	2,100 00
Clerk.....	500 00
Indices.....	200 00
Schedules, slips and circulars.....	1,100 00
Stationery and Printing.....	300 00
Postages.....	300 00
Express charges.....	50 00
Travelling expenses in inspecting District Registrars.....	600 00
Binding returns.....	200 00
Expenses.....	150 00
Total.....	\$21,100 00

7. To defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture, as follows :—

Secretary.....	\$800 00
Expenses.....	400 00
Total.....	\$1,200 00

8. To defray the expenses of Immigration as follow:—

Secretary	\$1,200 00
Expenses	200 00
Total.....	\$1,400 00

9. To defray the expenses of Inspection of Public Institutions as follows :—

Inspector	\$3,000 00
Clerk	900 00
“	700 00
“	400 00
Messenger.....	250 00
Travelling expenses	700 00
Expenses.....	700 00
Total.....	\$6,650 000

10. To defray the expenses of the Crown Lands Department, as follows :—

Commissioner.....	\$4,500 00
Assistant Commissioner	2,800 00
Law Clerk	1,800 00
Shorthand Writer and Clerk.....	1,000 00

Land Sales and Free Grants :—

Chief Clerk.....	\$2,000 00
Clerk	1,700 00
Clerk.....	1,200 00
Clerk	1,000 00
Clerk	850 00

Surveys, Patents, and Roads :—

Deputy Receiver-General.....	\$2,000 00
Clerk.....	1,250 00
Clerk.....	730 00
Chief Clerk Patents.....	1,350 00
Clerk	1,200 00
Clerk	1,100 00
Superintendent of Colonization Roads.....	1,800 00
Clerk	1,000 00

Woods and Forests :—

Chief Clerk	\$2,000 00
Clerk.....	1,200 00
Clerk	850 00
Clerk	700 00

Accounts :—

Accountant.....	\$2,000 00
Bookkeeper.....	1,250 00
Clerk.....	1,250 00
Clerk	850 00
Registrar.....	\$1,600 00
Housekeeper.....	500 00
Messenger	500 00
Contingencies, including repairs, of west wing departmental buildings.....	12,000 00
Total.....	\$52,060 00

11. To defray Miscellaneous Expenses, as follow :—

Cost of Official Gazette.....	\$4,200 00
Queen's Printer.....	1,200 00
Clerk	360 00
Contingencies.....	100 00
Inspector of Registry offices (including travelling expenses)...	2,000 00
Inspector of Division Courts, salary, \$1,400 00 ; travelling expenses, \$650 00.....	2,050 00
Inspection of offices of Deputy Clerks of the Crown, Deputy Masters and Registrars in Chancery and County Courts, travelling expenses	300 00
Total	\$10,000 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; and that the Committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into a Committee of Supply To-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*,

Ordered, That a new Writ be issued for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Legislative Assembly for the County of *Frontenac*, in the room of the late *Peter Graham*, Esquire, who has died since his election.

The House then adjourned at 11.30 P.M.

Thursday, 18th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. *Wilson*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Aylmer*.

By Mr. *O'Sullivan*—The Petition of *R. P. Boucher* and others; also, the Petition of *Thomas Menzies* and others; also, the Petition of *Wm. Campbell* and others, all of *Peterborough*; also, the Petition of the County Council of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Paxton*—The Petition of the School Board of *Port Perry*.

By Mr. *Wills*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 160; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 382; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 318; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1, all of *South Hastings*.

By Mr. *Springer*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Berlin*.

By Mr. *Williams*—The Petition of *Julius Winckler* and others; also, the Petition of *Isaac Ryall* and others, all of *Hamilton*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of *P. D. Conger* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Peoples' Gas Company of *Toronto*.

Of the Town Council of *Port Hope*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the *Port Hope Harbour Commissioners* to issue Debentures.

Of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of *Huron*, praying that an Act may pass to authorise them to sell certain lands for the benefit of *St. Mary's Church, Warwick*.

Of *R. Smith* and others, of *Egremont*; also, of the Township Council of *Bentinck*; also, of the Township Council of *Glenelg*, severally praying, that the Bill to re-unite the North and South Ridings of the County of *Grey* for Registration purposes, may not pass.

Of the Township Council of *Mornington*, praying that an Act may pass to legalize a certain By-law granting Aid to the *Stratford and Huron Railway Company*.

Of the Township Council of *Adelaide*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to sell certain property.

Of the Village Council of *Fort Erie*, praying that an Act may pass to annex certain portions of the Township of *Bertie* to the Village of *Fort Erie*.

Two Petitions of the County Council of *Middlesex*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of *John McMullin* and others, of *Brockville*; also, of *F. W. Beebe* and others, of *Cobourg*; also, of *R. L. Chandler* and others, of *St. Thomas*, severally praying for the abolition of the Book Depository.

Of the Town Council of Cobourg ; also, of the County Council of Middlesex ; also, of the Town Council of Owen Sound, severally praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to the Exemption Clauses.

Of the County Council of Middlesex, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to Statute Labour.

Of the County Council of Elgin ; also, of the County Council of Middlesex, severally praying for certain amendments to the Ontario Medical Act.

Of the School Board of Windsor ; also of the County Council of Middlesex ; also, of the School Board of Strathroy ; also, of the School Board of Collingwood ; also, of the School Board of Napanee, severally praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

Of the County Council of Middlesex, praying for certain amendments to the Registry Act.

Of W. H. Miller and others of Toronto ; also, of J. Widmer Rolph and others of Toronto ; also, of R. H. Clarke and others, of Northumberland ; also, of Charles W. Covernton and others, of Norfolk ; also, of E. W. Sprague and others, of Toronto ; also, of J. J. Hillary and others, of Uxbridge, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate Trinity Medical School.

Of Orange Lodge No. 885 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 9 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 66 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 702 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 449 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 89 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 694 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 209 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,053 : also, of Orange Lodge No. 877 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 605 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 450 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 450 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 533 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 589 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 73 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 16, all of South Simcoe ; also, of the Orange Lodge of Bradford ; also, of the Orange Lodge of Barrie ; also, of the Orange Lodge of South Simcoe ; also, of the Orange Lodge of Grey ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 509 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,383 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 632 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 244 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,192 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 668, all of South Grey ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,186 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 981 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 831 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 543 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 537 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 517 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 658 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 593, all of Middlesex ; also, of Orange Lodge of Central Addington ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 728 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 532 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 368, all of Lennox ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,031 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 997 ; also, of the Orange Lodge No. 1,322 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,302 ; also, of the Orange Lodge No. 101 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 801 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,387 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 828 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 896 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 67 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 992 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,319 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 611, all of South Grey ; also, of the Orange Lodge of Sullivan ; also, of the Orange Lodge of Owen Sound ; also, of the Town Council of Owen Sound ; also, of the Orange Lodge of Barrie ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 644 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 622 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 649 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,119 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 985, all of North Simcoe ; also, of the Orange Lodge of Cold Springs ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 891 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 822 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 957 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 957 ; also, of Orange Lodge 686 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 167 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 167 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 796 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 665 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 168, all of South Ontario ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 83 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 141 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 149 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 279 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 385 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 388 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 420 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 421 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 424 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 532 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 769 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 785 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,022 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,062 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 44 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 75, all of Durham ; also, of the Orange Lodge of Port Hope ; also, of Orange Lodge of East Durham ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,055, of Kent ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 720 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 117 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 573, all of Lincoln ; also, of Orange Lodge of Niagara ; also, of the Orange Lodge of Malahide ; also, of Orange Lodge of Elgin ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 583 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 954 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 511, all of North Ontario ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 901 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,212 ;

also, of Orange Lodge No. 292 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 310 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 297 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 298 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 763, all of *West Middlesex* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,218 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 808 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,225 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,140 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,283, all of *Essex* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 16⁶ ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 245, all of *Halton* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 112 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 351 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 655 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 531 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 970 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 656, all of *Perth* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Wallace* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 503 ; also, Orange Lodge No. 470, all of *Renfrew* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 162, of *South Frontenac* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 162, of *South Frontenac* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Dalhousie* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Metcalf* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1 ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Russell* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,330 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,312 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,257 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 810 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 757 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 706 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 407 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 395 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 357 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 222 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 205 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 268, all of *Russell* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 373 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 57 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 326 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 338 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 525 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 541 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 476 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 30 ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Fitzroy*, all of *Carleton* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 966 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,106, all of *Essex* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Wentworth* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Ancaster* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Markham* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Scarborough* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 858 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 791 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 188, *London* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 590 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 91 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 516 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 415 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 736, all of *North York* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 211 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 142 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 807 ; also, Orange Lodge No. 455 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 696 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 260, all of *Peel* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 307, of *Elgin* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,409, of *Monck* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 312 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 779, all of *Wentworth* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 687 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,151 ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Enniskillen*, all of *Lambton* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 570, of *Ontario* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 423, of *Elgin* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Lincoln* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 414, of *Orillia* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Monck* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Brant* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Kent* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Springfield* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Elginfield* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Howick* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Turbury* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 794 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 873 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 560, all of *Huron* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Paisley* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Gowan* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Walkerton* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Carlingford* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 759 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 313 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 768 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 707 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 591 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 518 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 492 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 45, all of *Perth* ; also, of Orange Lodge 493 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,210, all of *Huron* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 286 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 286 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 71 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 554 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 776, all of *Wentworth* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 778 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 426, all of *York* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Wellington West* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Welland* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Peet* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *West Ontario* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *East Bruce* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *North Huron* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *North York*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario, East and West*.

Mr. Deroche, From the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that the Rules of the House have been complied with therein :—

Of the *Bothwell* Land and Petroleum Company, praying that an Act may pass to provide for the winding up of the affairs of the Company.

Of the *Hamilton and North Western Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation, and to make valid certain By-laws granting aid to said Railway.

Of *John Leys* and others, of *Sault Ste. Marie*, praying that an Act may pass to extend the limits of the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie*.

Of *Pickering Harbour and Road Company*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to issue Debentures.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the *Peel General Manufacturing Company*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation, and find that no notices of such intended application have been published in the *Ontario Gazette*, and but one notice in the local paper; the Committee, however, deeming it a matter of no public importance, and not affecting any private or vested rights, recommend the suspension of the Rule therein.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass declaring the validity of a certain By-law of the said City, and confirming the same, the Committee find that the full term of notice has not been given, either in the *Ontario Gazette*, or in the local papers; but considering that the matter has been before the ratepayers, and voted on by them, the Committee are of opinion that sufficient publicity has been given to the same, and recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass amending the *Toronto Street Railway Act*, and Acts amending the same; the Committee find that notice of the intended application has been inserted five times in the *Ontario Gazette*, once in the *Toronto Daily Globe*, and three times in the *Toronto Daily Mail*; the Committee consider this a matter in which the full term of notice, as required by the Rules of the House, should be given, and, therefore, report that the Rules of your Honourable House have not been complied with in the matter of the foregoing Petition.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Bell,

Ordered, That that portion of the Fourth Report be referred back to the Committee on Standing Orders, with instructions to report the publication of notice in the *Ontario Gazette* and local papers regarding the Act of the City of *Toronto* amending the *Toronto Street Railway Company Act* as sufficient.

The following Bills were severally introduced, and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 37), intituled "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Canadian Literary Institute of Woodstock*."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 88), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act of 1875-76."—Mr. *Springer*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 43), intituled "An Act to Incorporate the *Niagara and St. Catharines Railroad Company*."—The Honourable Mr. *McDougall*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 72), intituled "An Act respecting the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie*."—**Mr. Dawson.**

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 60), intituled "An Act to provide for the winding up of the *Bothwell (C. W.) Land and Petroleum Company*."—Mr. *McCraney*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (64), intituled "An Act to legalize a certain By-law, and certain Debentures of the City of *Toronto*."—The Honourable Mr. *Cameron*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 89), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Jurors and Juries."—
Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 63), intituled "An Act respecting the Presbyterian Church at *Orillia*,"—
Mr. Hardy.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 90), intituled "An Act to provide for the Election of School Trustees by Ballot."—Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 85), intituled "An Act respecting the *Peel* General Manufacturing Company."—Mr. Chisholm.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 91), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Municipal Institutions of *Ontario*."—Mr. Springer.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 67), respecting Escheats and Forfeitures ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 70), Respecting References to the Supreme Court of *Canada*, and the Exchequer Court of *Canada* in certain cases ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1877, the following sums :—

13. To defray the expenses of the Court of Chancery, as follow :—

Master.....	\$3,000 00
Taxing Officer.....	1,400 00
Clerk.....	1,000 00
Junior Clerk.....	600 00
Clerk.....	1,200 00
Registrar.....	2,100 00
First Assistant Registrar.....	1,200 00
Second Assistant Registrar.....	1,000 09
Clerk.....	600 00
Clerk.....	500 00
Clerk of Records.....	1,200 00
Clerk.....	650 00
Referee in Chambers.....	2,000 00
Clerk.....	900 00
Usher of Court.....	600 00
Messenger and Housekeeper.....	400 00
Contingencies, including \$200 for Judges' Library.....	1,795 00

Total..... \$20,145 00

14. To defray the expenses of the Court of Queen's Bench, as follow :—

Clerk of Crown and Pleas.....	\$3,000 00
Senior Clerk.....	1,400 00
Clerk	1,300 00
Junior Clerk.....	600 00
Clerk of Process.....	1,400 00
Assistant Clerk of Process	500 00
Housekeeper and Messenger.....	500 00
Usher and Crier.....	160 00
Assistant Messenger.....	160 00
Contingencies, including \$100 for Judges' Library	500 00
Total.....	\$9,520 00

15. To defray the expenses of the Court of Common Pleas, as follow :—

Clerk of Crown and Pleas.....	\$2,500 00
Senior Clerk	1,400 00
Junior Clerk	1,000 00
Usher and Crier	140 00
Contingencies, including \$100 for Judges' Library	300 00
Total	\$5,340 00

16. To defray expenses of allowances to Superior Judges and Court of Appeal as follow :—

Allowances granted by 33 <i>Vic.</i> , cap. 5, <i>Ont. Stat.</i>	\$13,000 00
Registrar of Court of Appeal.....	2,000 00
Usher and Crier	50 00
Assistant Messenger	160 00
Law Library.....	100 00
Contingencies.....	300 00
Total.....	\$15,610 00

17. To defray the expenses of Practice, and other Courts, as follow :—

Clerk of Practice Court.....	\$1,800 00
Clerk of Surrogate Court (including expense of assistance).....	2,000 00
Clerk of Assize.....	1,000 09
Expenses	60 00
Total.....	\$1,860 00

18. To defray the expenses of Criminal Justice, as follow :—

Crown Counsel Prosecutions	\$11,200 00
Administration of Criminal Justice	120,000 00
Special Services.....	2,000 00
To meet payments to witnesses in Criminal cases.....	20,000 00
To meet balance of unpaid accounts for Administration of Justice.....	10,000 00
Total.....	\$163 65 60

19. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Justice, as follow :—

Deputy Clerks of the Crown and Pleas	\$16,000 00
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DISTRICT OF ALGOMA :

Sheriff	\$1,400 00
Registrar	800 00
Clerk of the Peace and District Attorney	800 00
Clerk of the District Court	500 00
Administration of Justice	4,000 00

DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY :

Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar	1,200 00
Administration of Justice.....	3,500 00

DISTRICT OF NIPISSING :

Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar.....	1,400 00
Administration of Justice.....	500 00

DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND :

Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar.....	1,400 00
Administration of Justice	600 00

DISTRICT OF MUSKOCA :

Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar.....	1,000 00
Administration of Justice	500 00

PROVISIONAL COUNTY OF HALIBURTON :

Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar.....	1,000 00
Administration of Justice	500 00

PROVINCIAL POLICE :

Salary of Police Magistrate, <i>Clifton</i> and <i>Fort Erie</i>	1,000 00
Administration of Justice “ “	4,247 50

OTHER SERVICES :

To pay Sheriffs, Criers and Constables in attending Courts of Chancery and County Courts, Deputy Clerks of the Crown and Pleas attending Assizes, and their Postages, &c	6,000 00
Seals and other contingencies	500 00
Registration Books for <i>Muskoka</i> , <i>Parry Sound</i> and <i>Thunder Bay</i>	200 00
Lighting and heating <i>Osgoode Hall</i>	3,000 00
Furniture, Matting, &c., <i>Osgoode Hall</i>	500 00
Shorthand Reporters	7,000 00
Total.....	\$57,547 50

20. To defray the expenses of Public and Separate Schools..... \$240,000 00

21. To defray the expenses of the Inspection of Public and Separate Schools, as follow :

5,050 Schools and Departments, at \$5	\$25,250 00
Additional cost of inspecting and organizing Schools in <i>Algoma</i> , <i>Nipissing</i> , and other remote settlements	2,500 00
Printing Inspectors' Annual and Special Reports, including paper.....	450 00

Postages, stationery and contingencies	\$400 00
Total	\$28 600 00
22. To defray the expenses of Schools in new and poor Townships	\$12,000 00
23. To defray the expenses of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, as follow :—	
Existing High Schools	\$72,000 00
Collegiate Institutes.	6,000 00
Total	\$78,000 00
24. To defray the expenses of the Inspection of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, as follow :—	
Three Inspectors	\$6,000 00
Travelling allowances.	600 00
Six Sub-Examiners of Intermediate Examination Papers	400 00
Office and inspectors' stationery, printing examination papers, postage and contingencies.....	1,200 00
Total	\$8,200 00
25. To defray the expenses of the Central Committee of Examiners, as follow :—	
Central Committee of Examiners.....	\$1,800 00
Travelling expenses.	400 00
Printing examination papers, forms of certificates, &c.	750 00
Postages, stationery and contingencies	400 00
Medals for competition, Teachers' examination	100 00
Revision of Text Books	1,000 00
Examining and Reporting on Library and Prize Books, 1876-7	2,000 00
Total	\$6,450 00
27. To defray the expenses of Superannuated Public School Teachers	\$35,500 00
28. To defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools at Toronto, as follow :	
SALARIES :	
The Principal.....	\$2,000 00
Science master.....	1,800 00
Mathematical master	1,500 00
Writing and book-keeping master	900 00
Drawing master	600 00
Music master.....	500 00
Gymnastic master	300 00
Head master of boys' model school	1,200 00
First assistant.....	1,000 00
Second assistant	800 00
Third assistant	700 00
Head mistress of girls' model school	1,000 00
First assistant	800 00
Second assistant	700 00
Third assistant	650 00
Clerk of the normal and model school	600 00
Head gardener and keeper of grounds	410 00
First engineer	410 00

Second engineer	\$400 00
Third engineer	360 00
Janitor of normal school	450 00
Janitor of boys' model school	420 00
Janitor of girls' model school	400 00
Assistant gardener	400 00

EXPENSES :

Half cost of stationery and text-books (other half paid by the students)	2,500 00
Half cost of maps, apparatus and library books (other half paid out of library, map and apparatus grant)	550 00
Half cost of prize books for model school pupils (other half paid out of library, map and apparatus grant)	250 00
Large models of mechanical powers, geological specimens and instruments for vocal music	950 00
Text and reference books for masters, and reading room for students	200 00
Printing and stationery, chemicals and supplies	500 00
Expenses of grounds, plants and plant-house	450 00
Fuel and light	1,750 00
Water	550 00
Contingencies	550 00
Total	\$26,750 00

29. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Educational Museum and Library, as follow :—	
Specimens of school furniture and fittings, apparatus and maps	\$1,200 00
Various models	800 00
Books and illustrations of Canadian history	200 00
Casts, photographs and engravings	200 00
Frames, glass, paintings and fittings	400 00
Binding Canadian books and pamphlets	100 00
Restoring casts, pictures, and re-colouring rooms	200 00
Fuel, water and light	450 00
Printing, furnishings and contingencies	200 00
Caretaker	200 00
Total	\$3,950 00

30. To defray the expenses of the Journal of Education, as follow :—	
Printing, folding and mailing 6,500 copies, at \$150 per month	\$1,800 00
Postages on 6,500 copies	200 00
Plans for school houses and grounds	100 00
Engraving illustrations	100 00
Periodicals and incidentals	100 00
Total	\$2,360 00

33. To defray the expenses of the Education Office, as follow :—	
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SALARIES :

Deputy Minister	\$2,800 00
Secretary and accountant	1,800 00
Chief clerk	1,200 00

Clerk of statistics	\$1,000 00
Clerk of correspondence	900 00
Clerk of reference	500 00
Assistant accountant	600 00
Assistant clerk of correspondence	500 00
Second assistant clerk of correspondence	450 00
Clerk of returns	400 00
Assistant clerk	400 00
Junior clerk	250 00
Caretaker	500 00

EXPENSES :

Postages	550 00
Printing circulars, blanks and paper	600 00
Fuel and light	500 00
Office stationery and account books	400 00
Books, newspapers, law and other reports	200 00
Public School Law	300 00
15,000 yearly and half-yearly blank forms, for trustees, &c	300 00
Law appeal cases (re-vote)	250 00
Office furniture and fixtures, petty repairs and various incidentals	450 00
6,000 copies annual Report, 1876	1,500 00
Retiring allowance to Dr. Ryerson	4,000 00
Total	\$20,350 00

34. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, *Ottawa*, as follow :—

SALARIES :

The Principal	\$2,000 00
Mathematical master	1,500 00
Science master	1,500 00
Writing and book keeping master	200 00
Drawing master	150 00
Music master	150 00
Clerk	800 00
First engineer and gardener	600 00
Second engineer and assistant gardener	300 00
Two labourers on grounds in summer, at \$240	480 00
Janitor	360 00
To pay for scrubbing and cleaning	150 00

EXPENSES :

Half cost of stationery and text-books (other half paid by the students)	2,000 00
Half cost of maps, apparatus and library books (other half out of library, map and apparatus grant)	600 00
Text and reference books for masters, and reading-room for students	200 00
Printing and stationery, chemicals and supplies	400 00
Expenses of grounds (including plants, shrubs, &c.)	400 00
Fuel and light	1,200 00
Water	300 00
Contingencies	500 00
Total	\$13,850 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; and, That the Committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee of Supply To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.20 P.M.

Friday, 19th January, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. McDougall—The Petition of the Township Council of *Sunnidale* ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *West Gwillimbury* ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Vespra* ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of *Mulmur*.

By Mr. Merrick—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 204, of *Welland* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Mornington* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Brock* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Albion* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *North Leeds* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Norwood* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 549 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 522 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 284 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 281 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 34, all of *East Peterborough* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 451 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 97 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 444 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 348, all of *Frontenac* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Portland*.

By Mr. Boulter—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,291, of *South Hastings* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,183 ; also, the Petition of Orange No. 509, all of *North Hastings* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Bangor*.

By Mr. Preston—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Lansdowne* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *South Crosby* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 226 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 331 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 183 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 485, all of *South Leeds*.

By Mr. Wills—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 274, of *Hastings*.

By Mr. Rosevear—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 40 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 853 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 456 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 309 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 82 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 79 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 64 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 50 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 46, all of *Durham* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Manvers* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Cavan* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Hope*.

By Mr. Deroche—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 756 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 431 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1113, all of *Lennox*.

By Mr. Flesher—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 540 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 467 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 429, all of *North Perth* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 358, of *Wentworth* ; also the Petition of Orange Lodge of *East York* ; also the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Kincardine* ; also the Petition of Orange Lodge of *West Bruce*.

By Mr. *Hardy*—The Petition of the School Board of *Scotland*.

By Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*—The Petition of the School Board of *Elora*.

By Mr. *Patterson (York)*—The Petition of the *Toronto Street Railway Company*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of *R. S. Gurd* and others, of *Sarnia*, praying for certain amendments to the Drainage Act.

Of the High School Board of *Pakenham*; also of the High School Board of *Listowel*, severally praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

Of Dr. *Hildreth* and others, of *Northumberland*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate *Trinity Medical School*.

Mr. *Deroche*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have duly examined the following Petitions, and find that the Rules of the House have been complied with therein:—

Of the Corporation of the City of *Ottawa*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing them to raise money for Water Works Extension.

Of the Corporation of the City of *Ottawa*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to change the names of certain streets in the City.

Of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to conduct inquiries upon oath.

Of the Town Council of *Cobourg*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to grant bonuses to certain manufactories.

Of the *Upper Canada Bible Society*, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of *W. H. Cutten* and others, of *Guelph*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the *Guelph Street Railway Company*.

Of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of *Iluron*, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to sell certain lands for the benefit of *St. Mary's Church, Warwick*.

Of *P. D. Conger*, and others, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the People's Gas Company, of *Toronto*.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the Village Council of *Fort Erie*, praying that an Act may pass to annex a certain portion of the Township of *Bertie* to the Village of *Fort Erie*; the Committee find that the notices of such intended application have been published four times in the *Ontario Gazette*, and in the local papers, and, considering that by such publication all parties interested have been sufficiently notified, the Committee recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the Township Council of *Adelaide*, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the sale of certain property known as *St. George's Square*, and the investment of the proceeds thereof in other lands for similar purposes. The Petition is founded on a resolution of the Council, and signed by the Reeve and Township Clerk, and from the fact of such action being taken, the Committee are of opinion that the parties interested are sufficiently aware of the application, and they, therefore, recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case.

The Committee have also had before them the Petition of the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may pass amending the *Toronto Street Railway Act* and Acts amending the same, referred back to the Committee from the House, "with instructions to report the publication of notice in the *Ontario Gazette* and local papers as sufficient;" in accordance with the foregoing instructions the Committee report the said Notice as sufficient.

The Committee have also examined the Petition of the *St. Catharines Street Railway Company*, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for the commencement of operations, and find that the full term of notice has not been given in the *Ontario Gazette*,

and that no local notices have been produced before the Committee ; the Committee report that the Rules of the House have not been complied with in the matter of this Petition.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 39), intituled "An Act to incorporate the People's Gas Company."—Mr. Bell.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 50), intituled "An Act to enable the Diocese of Toronto to conduct inquiries upon oath."—Mr. Bethune.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 65), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Fort Erie."—Mr. Gilson.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 48), intituled "An Act relating to the Hamilton and North Western Railway Company."—Mr. Williams.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 57), intituled, "An Act to enable the Corporation of Cobourg to aid certain Manufacturing Establishments."—Mr. Hargrave.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 4), intituled, "An Act to amend the Water Works Acts of the City of Ottawa."—Mr. O'Donoghue.

Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 35), intituled "An Act to change the names of certain streets in the City of Ottawa."—Mr. O'Donoghue.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 92), intituled "An Act to empower the Council of the Municipality of the Township of Adelaide to sell certain lands."—Mr. McDougall (Middlesex).

Referred to the Commissioner of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 13), intituled "An Act to authorize the Synod of the Diocese of Huron to sell certain lands in the Township of Warwick."—Mr. Meredith.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 52), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Guelph Street Railway Company."—Mr. Massie.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 16), intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Upper Canada Bible Society."—The Honourable Attorney-General Mowat.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 53), intituled "An Act respecting the Toronto Street Railway Company."—The Honourable Mr. Cameron.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 76), intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Canadian Industrial Exhibition Company."—The Honourable Mr. Cameron.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

On motion of Mr. Widdifield, seconded by Mr. Striker,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, 1st. A copy of the Minutes of all meetings of the Senate of the University of Toronto held during the years 1874, 1875, and 1876, relating to the affiliation of Medical Schools with the University of Toronto, with the names of the members of the Senate present at each meeting. These Minutes

to include all notices of motion—a copy of all resolutions, and of any report or reports which may have been offered—or which the Senate may have passed during that period, bearing upon the subject of the existing affiliations of Medical Schools with the University of *Toronto*; also, the names of members of the Senate who may have given notice of any motions, or moved or seconded any resolutions or the adoption of any report or reports of the Senate upon the said subject of Medical School affiliation; also, a list of the *Yea*s and *Nay*s in any case where these may have been recorded.

2nd. A copy of all correspondence which may have taken place between the Government and the said Medical Schools now affiliated to the said University of *Toronto*, with a copy of all replies from the said Schools received by Government.

3rd. A copy of any order or orders in Council which may have been passed by Government relating to the subject of medical affiliations with the said University of *Toronto*.

On motion of Mr. *Dawson*, seconded by Mr. *Striker*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return exhibiting the amount expended by the Government of *Ontario*, during and since the summer of 1868, up to the present time, on Colonization Roads in the District of *Algoma* (other than in that part of the said District known as the *Grand Manitoulin Island*), shewing the different roads made or undertaken, and the sums expended thereon in each year.

Mr. *Wills* moved, seconded by Mr. *O'Sullivan*,

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into losses sustained by the late Mr. *John O'Carroll*, of *Belleville*, in the Rebellion of 1837-8, with power to send for persons and papers.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

On motion of Mr. *Wills*, seconded by Mr. *Boulter*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting Timber Licenses, shewing—

1st. The names of the several Licensees.

2nd. The number of acres respectively held by said Licensees.

3rd. The amount of license dues now in arrears by said Licensees, if any.

4th. All other dues or fees now in arrear on account of timber or saw logs or other materials taken from said lands by each of said Licensees, and also shewing the amounts respectively due on the 31st of December, 1875.

5th. The amounts respectively paid in on account of said license dues, &c., respectively during the year 1876.

6th. The nature and amount of the security taken for dues, &c., or arrearages, if any.

On motion of Mr. *Graham*, seconded by Mr. *Bishop*,

Ordered, That the names of Messieurs *Watterworth*, *Tooley*, *Appleby* and *Grant* be added to the Select Committee on Bill (No. 80), Agriculture and Arts.

The following Bill was read the third time, and passed:—

Bill (No. 70), Respecting References to the Supreme Court of *Canada* and the Exchequer Court of *Canada*.

The Amendments made in Committee on Bill (No. 67), Respecting Escheats and Forfeitures having been read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 73), To amend the Act respecting Dentistry.

Referred to a Select Committee composed as follows:—Messieurs *Deroche*, *Wilson*, *Clarke* (*Norfolk*), *Baxter*, *Haney*, *Mostyn*, *Deacon* and *Boulter*.

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Church of *St. Alban* the Martyr, in *Ottawa*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 82), Respecting payments to unorganized Townships, or parts of Districts under the Municipal Loan Fund Scheme.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of *Hamilton*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 68), To Amend and Repeal certain enactments of the last Session of the Legislature of this Province, and after sometime spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments,

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of *L'Institut Canadien Francais de la Cite d'Ottawa*. (*Sessional Papers No. 25.*)

Also, a Return in obedience to an Order of the House, showing the number of High Schools in operation during the year 1876; number and location of such schools as have been ordered to be closed during the present year, and the reason of such closing. (*Sessional Papers No. 26.*)

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1877, the following sums :—

35. To defray the expenses of the maintenance of the Asylum for the Insane, *Toronto*, as follow :—

SALARIES AND WAGES :

	No. of officers and employees.	
Medical Superintendent.....	1	\$2,000 00
Assistant Superintendent	1	1,000 00
Clinical assistants.....	2	600 00
Bursar	1	1,400 00
Storekeeper	1	600 00
Steward	1	700 00
Matron	1	400 00
Assistant matron	1	192 00
Engineer	1	740 00
Assistant engineer	1	432 00
Stokers	2	504 00
Carpenters	2	1,050 00
Gardener.....	1	216 00
Assistant gardener.....	1	216 00
Porter or messenger	1	240 00
Bakers.....	2	350 00
Tailor	1	400 00
Farmer and assistant	2	480 00
Night watchers	3	720 00
Chief attendants.....	7	1,848 00
Ordinary male attendants.....	17	3,552 00

FEMALES :

Chief attendants.....	6	672 00
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Ordinary female attendants	17	\$1,656 00
Night attendants	3	360 00
Cooks	9	948 00
Laundresses	7	.....	696 00
Housemaids	5	.....	468 00
Seamstress	1	.....	108 00

EXPENSES :	98		
Medicine and medical comforts		\$	350 00
Fuel			11,500 00
Butchers' meat			12,500 00
Flour			8,000 00
Butter			4,500 00
Beer, wine and spirits			1,850 00
Gas and oil			2,300 00
Groceries			8,000 00
Fruit and vegetables			750 00
Bedding, clothing and shoes			6,000 00
Furniture and furnishings			1,500 00
Laundry and soap			1,500 00
Farm			1,500 00
Miscellaneous			1,500 00
Repairs and alterations			2,000 00
Printing, postage, and stationery			750 00
Total			\$87,480 00

36. To defray the expenses of the maintenance of the Asylum for the Insane, *London*, as follow :—

SALARIES AND WAGES :		No. of Officers and employees.	
Medical Superintendent	1	.....	\$2,000 00
Assistant Superintendent	1	.....	1,000 00
Clinical assistant	1	.....	600 00
Bursar	1	.....	1,200 00
Steward	1	.....	600 00
Matron	1	.....	400 00
Engineer	1	.....	740 00
Bricklayer and plasterer	1	.....	550 00
Stokers	4	.....	1,104 00
Carpenters	2	.....	1,050 00
Gardener	1	.....	\$400 00
Assistant gardener	1	.....	240 00
Butcher	1	.....	216 00
Porter or messenger	1	.....	192 00
Baker	1	.....	360 00
Assistant baker	1	.....	192 00
Tailor	1	.....	264 00
Farmer	1	.....	400 00
Ploughmen	2	.....	672 00
Night watchers	2	.....	480 00
Chief attendants	5	.....	1,356 00
Ordinary male attendants	17	.....	3,576 00
Cowman	1	.....	216 00

FEMALES :

Chief attendants	3	.....	540 00
Ordinary female attendants	18	.....	2,160 00
Night attendants	2	.....	240 00

Cooks.....	4	.....	\$540 00
Laundresses.....	4	.....	456 00
Housemaids	7	.....	696 00
Dairymaid	1	.....	120 00
Seamstress.....	2	.....	240 00

EXPENSES : 90

Medicine and medical comforts			\$350 00
Fuel			11,500 00
Butchers' meat.....			12,500 00
Flour			6,500 00
Butter			4,000 00
Beer, wine and spirits			1,850 00
Gas and oil			2,300 00
Groceries			7,500 00
Fruit and vegetables.....			1,000 00
Bedding, clothing and shoes			7,000 00
Furniture and furnishings			1,500 00
Laundry and soap			1,750 00
Farm, feed and fodder.....			2,000 00
Miscellaneous			1,500 00
Repairs and alterations			2,000 00
Printing, postage and stationery			750 00

Total \$86,800 00

37. To defray the expenses of the maintenance of the Asylum for the Insane, *Rockwood, Kingston*, as follow :—

Maintenance of *Ontario Patients* at *Rockwood Asylum*, for food, clothing, medical attendance, &c., &c., for 365 patients, at \$1.43 per annum each \$52,195 00

38. To defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane, *Hamilton*, as follow :—

SALARIES :

		No. of Officers and employees.	
Medical Superintendent.....	1	.....	\$1,600 00
Assistant do	1	.....	700 00
Bursar	1	.....	800 00
Engineer	1	.....	600 00
Assistant Engineer.....	1	.....	240 00
Carpenter.....	1	.....	500 00
Gardener and Farmer.....	1	.....	400 00
Messenger and Porter	1	.....	200 00
Chief Attendant.....	1	.....	300 00
Night Watch	1	.....	240 00
Ordinary Male Attendants.....	5	.....	1,200 00
Extra assistance	1	.....	240 00

FEMALES :

Matron.....	1	.....	300 00
Chief Attendant.....	1	.....	200 00
Ordinary Female Attendants.....	8	.....	960 00
Night Attendant.....	1	.....	120 00
Cooks.....	2	.....	264 00
Laundresses	3	.....	384 00
Housemaids	4	.....	432 00
Seamstress and Tailoress.....	1	.....	144 00

EXPENSES :

Medicine and medical comforts.....	\$100 00
Beer, wine and spirits	500 00
Fuel	3,000 00
Butchers' meat, fish and fowl.....	4,000 00
Flour.....	1,600 00
Butter.....	1,500 00
Gas and oil.....	1,000 00
Groceries.....	4,000 00
Fruit and vegetables	1,200 00
Bedding, clothing and shoes.....	2,200 00
Laundry, soap and cleaning.....	750 00
Furniture and furnishings.....	500 00
Farm, feed and fodder.....	750 00
Repairs and alterations	500 00
Miscellaneous	1,200 00
Water Supply.....	500 00
Printing, postage and stationery.....	350 00
Total..	\$33,474 00

39. To defray the expenses of the Asylum for Idiots, Orillia, as follows :—

SALARIES :

Medical Superintendent.....	1	\$1,600 00
Bursar.....	1	800 00
Engineer	1	600 00
Assistant Engineer.....	1	240 00
Gardener.....	1	300 00
Chief Attendant	1	300 00
Night Watch	1	240 00
Ordinary Male Attendants	4	960 00
Messenger and Porter	1	240 00

FEMALES :

Matron.....	1	300 00
Chief Attendant	1	200 00
Ordinary Female Attendants.....	4	480 00
Night Attendant.....	1	120 00
Cooks	2	252 00
Laundresses	2	252 00
Housemaids	4	384 00
Seamstress.....	1	200 00
Extra assistance .....	.....	250 00
Medicines and medical comforts.....	.....	200 00
Fuel .....	.....	2,000 00
Butchers' meat, fish and fowl.....	.....	2,500 00
Flour .....	.....	1,500 00
Butter.....	.....	1,200 00
Gas and oil .....	.....	500 00
Groceries.....	.....	2,000 00
Fruit and vegetables.....	.....	600 00
Bedding, clothing and shoes.....	.....	1,500 00
Laundry, soap and cleaning.....	.....	400 00
Furniture and furnishings.....	.....	400 00

Farm, feed and fodder.....	\$100 00
Repairs and alterations.....	400 00
Miscellaneous.....	600 00
Milk.....	600 00
	———— \$22,518 00

40. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Reformatory, Penetanguishene, as follow :—

SALARIES :

	No. of officers and employees.	
Warden	1	\$1,600 00
Bursar and Deputy Warden	1	850 00
Surgeon	1	500 00
Steward and Chief Guard.....	1	600 00
Chaplains	2	800 00
Teachers	2	800 00
Keepers and Trade Instructors.....	4	1,600 00
Keepers, ordinary	5	1,840 00
Farmer	1	400 00
Stable-keeper	1	260 00
Day Guard and Drill Instructor	1	260 00
Night Guards	2	720 00
Gatekeeper	1	260 00
Temporary assistance		200 00

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EXPENSES :

Rations	5,500 00
Clothing	2,800 00
Bedding.....	700 00
Farm, farm stock and stables	500 00
Hospital	100 00
Library and schools	500 00
Cleaning, light and laundry	450 00
Furniture, tools and shop fixtures.....	500 00
Repairs, ordinary.....	500 00
Incidentals	700 00
Postage and stationery.....	250 00

Total \$23,190 00

41. To defray the expenses of the Central Prison, as follow :—

SALARIES :

	No. of officers and employees.	
Warden	1	\$2,000 00
Bursar.....	1	1,200 00
Physician	1	1,000 00
Chief Guard	1	800 00
Steward and Storekeeper	1	600 00
Prison Bailiff	1	800 00
Day Guards and Shop Supervisors	22	8,800 00
Deputy Chief Guard	1	600 00
Engineer.....	1	740 00
Baker and Cook.....	1	600 00

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EXPENSES:

Medicine and medical comforts	\$200 00
Butchers' meat and fish.....	7,000 00
Flour, bread and meal	5,000 00
Groceries	4,000 00
Bedding, clothing and shoes	5,500 00
Fuel	3,500 00
Gas and oil	1,500 00
Laundry, soap and cleaning	750 00
Stationery, advertising, printing and postage	400 00
Library, schools and lectures	400 00
Furniture and furnishings.....	500 00
Stable, forage &c.	500 00
Repairs, &c.	500 00
Unenumerated	1,000 00
Total	\$47,890 00

42. To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, as follows:—

SALARIES:

	No. of officers and employees.	
Principal.....	1	\$1,800 00
Physician	1	500 00
Bursar.....	1	800 00
Matron.....	1	300 00
Teachers	12	7,300 00
Visitors' attendant and telegraph operator	1	100 00
Housekeeper.....	1	200 00
Engineer	1	600 00
Fireman	1	240 00
Farmer.....	1	400 00
Farm hand	1	228 00
Gardener	1	240 00
Baker and Cook	1	400 00
Night watchman	1	240 00
Carpenter and assistant	2	650 00
Shoemaker	1	500 00
Messenger	1	84 00
Cook	1	132 00
Maids	12	1,104 00
Supervisor of boys	1	90 00

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EXPENSES:

Medicine and medical comforts	125 00
Butchers' meat, fish and fowl.....	5,000 00
Flour	2,000 00
Butter	1,500 00
Groceries	2,300 00
Fruit and vegetables	600 00
Bedding, clothing and shoes	400 00
Fuel	3,000 00
Gas and oil	1,200 00
Laundry, soap and cleaning	500 00
Furniture and furnishings	500 00
Farm, feed and fodder	600 00

Repairs and alterations.....	\$500 00
Advertising, printing, stationery and postage	400 00
Books, apparatus and appliances	400 00
Unenumerated.....	750 00
Total	\$35,863 00

43. To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Blind, Brantford, as follow:—

SALARIES :

	No. of officers and employees.	
Principal	1	\$1600 00
Physician	1	400 00
Bursar.....	1	800 00
Matron	1	300 00
Teachers.....	6	3,700 00
Trade Instructor.....	1	1,000 00
Visitors' Attendant	1	120 00
Engineer	1	600 00
Fireman.....	1	240 00
Gardener.....	1	400 00
Teamster	1	288 00
Porter	1	216 00
Cook and Baker.....	2	504 00
Kitchen and Dining-room Maids	6	612 00
Laundress.....	1	144 00
Laundress' Assistants.....	2	204 00
Nurses	2	240 00
Housemaids.....	2	192 00
Night Watchman and Carpenter	1	360 00
Temporary assistance	—	100 00

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EXPENSES :

Medicine and medical comforts	\$75 00
Butchers' meat, fish and fowl	2,800 00
Flour	1,000 00
Butter	800 00
General groceries	1,800 00
Fruit and vegetables	250 00
Bedding, clothing and shoes	300 00
Fuel.....	3,000 00
Gas and oil	800 00
Laundry, soap and cleaning	300 00
Furniture and furnishing	400 00
Farm, feed and fodder.....	600 00
Repairs and alterations	400 00
Advertising, printing, stationery and postage	500 00
Books, apparatus and appliances	400 00
Unenumerated.....	550 00
Total	\$25,995 00

44. To defray the expenses of the School of Agriculture, as follow :—

SALARIES :—

	No. of officers and employees.	
President and Science Master.....	1	\$1,500 00
Professor of Agriculture and Farm Manager.....	1	2,000 00
Bursar.....	1	1,000 00
Lecturer on Veterinary Surgery and Practice	1	600 00
Physician	1	300 00
Foremen.....	3	1,600 00
Matron.....	1	300 00
Kitchen, dining-room and housemaids	4	420 00
Laundress.....	1	120 00
Dairymaid.....	1	120 00
Engineer.....	1	400 00
Assistant do for 5 months.....	1	100 00
Messenger.....	1	100 00
Bonus to pupils	-	800 00

EXPENSES :

Medicines and medical comforts	50 00
Meat, fish and fowl	1,500 00
Bread and biscuits.....	600 00
General groceries.....	1,500 00
Fuel.....	1,200 00
Light	200 00
Laundry, soap and cleaning.....	150 00
Furniture, furnishing and bedding.....	250 00
Repairs and alterations.....	350 00
Laboratory, maintenance of chemicals, &c.....	100 00
Advertising, postage and stationery.....	600 00
Experiments	600 00
Unenumerated.....	600 00
Statistical Bureau, printing and postage.....	300 00
Total	\$17,360 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*) reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; and, That the Committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Resolved, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee of Supply on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 11.10 P.M.

Monday, 22nd January, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That the Clerk had received from the Judges appointed to inquire into, and report on, Estate Bills their Reports in the following cases :—

Bill (No. 63), Respecting the Presbyterian Church at *Orillia*.

Bill (No. 24), Relating to *St. Mark's Church, Niagara*.

Bill (No. 45), To enable the Synod of *Niagara* to sell certain lands in *Arthur*.

Bill (No. 49), Respecting *St. Paul's Church at Newmarket*.

Bill (No. 25), To enable *Bernard McAllister*, a Trustee, to convey certain lands.

Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Village of *Port Elgin*.

The Reports were then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follow :—

TORONTO, 19th January, 1877.

To *Charles T. Gillmor, Esq.,*
Clerk Legislative Assembly.

The undersigned, two of the Commissioners appointed to report respecting Estate Bills, in relation to Bill (No. 63), referred to the said Commissioners, beg to report : That, assuming the allegations contained in the Petition on which the Bill is founded to be correct, they think it reasonable that the Bill do pass into a law, with the amendments which they suggest thereto, and which they have noted on the margin of the Bill, being on the second page, line 41, the insertion of the word "due" before "publication," and at the end of section 2, "And the said remains shall be re-interred decently and in order, and, so far as reasonably may be, with a due regard to the wishes and desires of any friends of the deceased as to the manner of such removal and re-interment;" And at the end of line 23 on page 3, "of the share of the said congregation," and on line 25, after the word "purposes," "of a permanent nature for the benefit of the Congregation."

J. G. SPRAGGE, C.,
W. PROUDFOOT, V.C.

TORONTO, 19th January, 1877.

To *Charles T. Gillmor, Esq.,*
Clerk Legislative Assembly.

The undersigned, two of the Commissioners appointed to report respecting Estate Bills, in relation to Bill (No. 49), referred to the said Commissioners, beg to report :—

The undersigned are not furnished with a copy of the Trust Deed to the late Bishop of Toronto and others, referred to in the petition.

Assuming that the Trust is for the uses and purposes set forth in the Petition, it remains to be shown that the Trust is now duly vested in the Petitioners, by the appointment of the present Bishop, involving the fact of such appointment, and the authority to make it under the Trust Deed.

They are of opinion that, before any disposition is made of the land comprised in the Trust Deed, the sense of the congregation of the Church, on whose behalf the Petition is presented, should be taken at a meeting duly called for that purpose ; and further, that the donor of the land, if living, or if dead, those representing him by heirship or devise, should be notified.

It appearing by the Petition that the land in question is under lease, the rights of the lessee should be saved, unless his consent to the proposed sale be first obtained.

They observe that it is proposed to apply a portion, not exceeding one-half of the proceeds of sale, in the erection of a parsonage. It does not appear that the religious body in question possess any land upon which such parsonage may be erected.

One of the trusts upon which the land was conveyed is for the site of a burial ground to be attached to the proposed church. It does not appear whether or not any part of the land conveyed has been appropriated for that purpose, and if so, whether or not there have been any interments therein. Further, it does not appear that the religious body in question possess any cemetery, either of their own, or in common with others. If it does not, we are of opinion that one of the trusts of the proceeds of the proposed sale should be the purchase of land for a cemetery, and provision should be made in case of their having been any interments on the land proposed to be sold, for the due and orderly removal of the remains of those interred there to another cemetery, and we recommend that the like provision in respect thereof be enacted as we have recommended in the case of the proposed cemetery of the Presbyterian Congregation at *Orillia*.

The Congregation may think it desirable to except from sale a portion of the land in question, and to appropriate the same for the purposes of a cemetery. We conceive that it would be well to give them a discretion to do so if they think fit.

J. G. SPRAGGE, C.
W. PROUDFOOT, V. C.

The undersigned, two of the Commissioners to whom was referred Bill (No. 45,) beg leave to report as follows:—

(1) There is nothing to show any consent to the proposed legislation on the part of the congregation immediately interested, or of the Synod of the Diocese of *Niagara*, in which body the Petition, presented as the basis of legislation, states the premises to be vested. We think the consent of these bodies should be obtained before the desired Act is passed. The Religious Institutions Act, 36 Vic., cap. 135, shews the care taken in procuring the assent of congregations before their property is dealt with.

(2) As the land—the subject of the Bill—was originally granted by the Crown for the benefit of the Church in question, it is for the Attorney-General, on behalf of Her Majesty, to say if those at present interested in the land, consent thereto; whether it shall be diverted from the original trust as a site for a Church, burial ground, and parsonage in one locality, to the building of a parsonage merely in another.

J. G. SPRAGGE, C.
S. H. BLAKE, V. C.

OSGOODE HALL, 20th January, 1877.

The undersigned, two of the Commissioners to whom was referred Bill (No. 24), beg leave to report as follows:—

(1) We have not before us the conveyance wherein the trusts on which the lands in question were conveyed, appear; if they are correctly set out, it would not seem reasonable that these premises, devoted to a burial ground by the grantors, should now be turned into a church endowment. The use of these premises for the purpose for which they were granted being now prohibited by competent authority, a sale of them would appear to be advisable, but we conceive that the proceeds of the sale should be applied to a purpose of the same character, as far as circumstances admit of it, as that for which the grant was made, and a scheme for that purpose should be laid before the House.

(2) We are not informed whether there have been any interments in the premises in question. If there have been, and if the Attorney-General, on behalf of Her Majesty, as representing the original grantors, "The principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance,"

approves of the disposition of the premises as defined in the said Bill, then the Commissioners think that some such provisions as those set forth in 39 *Vic.* cap. 99, secs. 2, 3 and 4, should be inserted in the Bill before it pass into law, in order to the due protection of those who may have used the ground for the purposes for which it was set apart.

To *Charles T. Gillmor, Esq.,*
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. G. SPRAGGE, C.
S. H. BLAKE, V. C.

Dated 20th January, 1877.

In the matter of Bill (No. 25.)

The undersigned Commissioners, to whom was referred a Bill founded on the Petition of *John McAllister* and others, beg leave to report as follows:—

That, in their opinion, it is not reasonable that this Bill should pass into law. Any relief to which the Petitioners are entitled, as to any portion of the property improperly included in the trust deed, can be obtained from the ordinary tribunals of the land, if necessary to apply to them. The revesting the land in the settlor, as asked by him, is a demand which it is *prima facie* highly unreasonable for him to make, and with which no Legislature would comply, except on the clearest evidence of its absolute necessity, or to prevent some positive wrong.

JOHN H. HAGARTY, C. J.
S. H. BLAKE, V. C.

OSSGOODE HALL,
January 20th, 1877.

The undersigned, two of the Commissioners appointed under the 34th *Vic.*, c. 7, to report on Estate Bills, in reference to Bill (No. 21), intituled, "An Act respecting the Village of Port Elgin," referred to the said Commissioners, beg to report:—

That it does not appear either in the petition for the Bill, nor in the recitals of the Bill itself, whether the Squares and Reserves with which it is proposed to deal were originally reserved by the Crown for the general use of the public, or for some specific purpose, or were dedicated by private owners, or, if granted or conveyed to the Corporation, whether any trust was annexed to the gift.

In either case it is quite possible that parties have acquired rights by purchasing property abutting upon them, on the faith that they would be continued open, and it might be unjust to those parties to comply with the prayer of the Petition.

From the materials before us it is impossible to say whether it is or is not reasonable that the Bill should pass into a law. We should, therefore, recommend that further information should be furnished to the House upon the points to which we have called attention, and especially whether any parties have purchased or built upon lots abutting on the said Squares, or showing (if the fact be so) that all the owners of property abutting thereon are assenting parties to the proposed legislation.

We would beg further to call attention to the circumstance that, although in the preamble it is alleged that *certain* Squares and Reserves are not required, the Bill proposes to give power to the Corporation to dispose of *all* the Squares, with three exceptions.

The Petition refers to the obtaining of similar power to close and dispose of a lane or alley, which is not mentioned *eo nomine* in the Bill, but it is manifest that although the public generally may have no interest in the keeping it open—both as regards it and the squares, private individuals may have rights, which it would be foreign to the spirit of our institutions to deprive them of by a vote of the majority of the Municipal electors, without their consent.

GEO. H. BURTON, J.
C. S. PATTERSON, J.

OSSGOODE HALL,
20th January, 1877.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 63), Relating to the Presbyterian Church at *Gwillim*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 24), Relating to *St. Mark's* Church, *Niagara*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 45), To enable the Synod of *Niagara* to sell certain lands in *Arthur*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 49), Respecting *St. Paul's* Church, *Newmarket*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Village of *Port Elgin*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By the Honourable Mr. *Wood*.—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 766 of *Victoria*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Pardee*.—The Petition of the School Board of *Moore*.

By Mr. *Boulter*.—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 425; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 435; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 251, all of *Huntingdon*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *North Hastings*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 3 of *North Hastings*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 110 of *Stirling*.

By Mr. *Deacon*.—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Cobden*.

By Mr. *Lane*.—The Petition of the Township Council of *York*.

By Mr. *Gibson*.—The Petition of *H. Robinson*, and others, of *Lucknow*.

By Mr. *Graham*.—The Petition of the Township Council of *Euphemia*.

By Mr. *Broder*.—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Winchester*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Williamsburgh*; also, the Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Dundas*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 862; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 550; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 333; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 139; all of *Dundas*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of the High School Board of *Port Perry*; also, of the High School Board of *Elora*; also, of the High School Board of *Scotland*, severally praying for certain amendments to the *School Act*.

Of *Thomas Menzies* and others, of *Peterborough*, praying for the abolition of the Book Depository.

Of the Town Council of *Berlin*; also, of the Village Council of *Aylmer*; also, of the County Council of *Peterborough*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to the Exemption Clauses.

Of *R. P. Boucher* and others, of *Peterborough*; also, of *Wm. Campbell* and others, of *Peterborough*; also, of *Julius Winckler* and others, of *Wentworth*; also, of *Isaac Ryall* and others, of *Hamilton*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate *Trinity Medical School*.

Of the *Toronto Street Railway Company*, praying that the Bill now before the House to incorporate the *Metropolitan Street Railway Company* may not pass.

Of the Township Council of *West Gwillimbury*; also, of the Township Council of *Vespra*; also, of the Township Council of *Sunnidale*; also, of the Township Council of *Mulmur*, severally praying that the Bill now before the House respecting the *Hamilton and North Western Railway Company* may not pass.

Of Orange Lodge No. 160 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 382 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 318 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1, all of *South Hastings* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 204, of *Welland* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Mornington* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Brock* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Allion* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *North Leeds* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Norwood* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 549 : also, of Orange Lodge No. 522 : also, of Orange Lodge No. 284 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 281 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 34, all of *East Peterborough* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 451 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 97 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 444 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 348, all of *Frontenac* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Portland* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,291, of *South Hastings* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,183 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 509, all of *North Hastings* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Bangor* ; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Lansdowne* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *South Crosby* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 226 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 331 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 183 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 485, all of *South Leeds* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 274, of *Hastings* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 40 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 853 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 456 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 309 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 82 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 79 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 64 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 50 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 46, all of *Durham* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Manvers* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Cavan* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Hope* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 756 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 431 : also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,113, all of *Lennox* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 540 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 467 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 429, all of *North Perth* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 358, of *Wentworth* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *East York* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Kincardine* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *West Bruce*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East* and *West*.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee* presented to the House by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the year 1876 (*Sessional Papers*, No. 11).

The following Bill was introduced, and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 58), intituled “An Act respecting the *St. Catharines* Street Railway Company.”—Mr. *Hodgins*.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*,

Resolved, That, as a mark of respect for the memory of the late *John Fleming*, Esquire, Member for the South Riding of the County of *Waterloo*, this House do now adjourn.

The House then adjourned at 3.45 P. M.

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. *Currie*—The Petition of the School Board of *Grimsby*.

By Mr. *Sinclair*—The Petition of the County Council of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Ferris*—The Petition of the School Board of *Brighton*.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee have examined Bill (No. 18), To alter and amend the survey of the lands of the *Canada* Company in the Townships of *Bosanquet* and *McGillivray*, and report the Bill without amendment.

The Committee have also examined the following Bills, and have prepared certain amendments thereto, respectively :

Bill (No. 54), For the admission of *William E. Idsardi*, as a Provincial Land Surveyor.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Christian Church in *Ontario*.

Bill (No. 30), To incorporate *Alma College, St. Thomas*.

Bill (No. 33), To incorporate the *Ontario Missionary Society* of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the following Bills, the same being in connection with religious institutions :

Bill (No. 34), Christian Church in *Ontario*.

Bill (No. 33), *Ontario Missionary Society* of Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted in the following Bills : Bill (No. 34) Christian Church in *Ontario*, Bill (No. 33), Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee*, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their First Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee have examined the following Bill, and have prepared certain amendments thereto :

Bill (No. 23), Respecting the *North Simcoe Railway Company*.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 93), intituled "An Act to amend the several Acts respecting the Education Department, Public and High Schools, and the University of *Toronto*."—The Honourable Mr. *Crooks*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 94), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act of 1869."—Mr. *Baxter*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Ordered, That the name of Mr. *Ballantyne* be substituted for that of Mr. *Hay* on the Committee on Public Accounts.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee* presented to the House, in obedience to an Order of the House :—

A Return exhibiting the amount expended by the Government of *Ontario* during and since the summer of 1868 up to the present time on Colonization Roads in the District of *Algoma* (other than in that part of the District known as the *Grand Manitoulin Island*) shewing the different roads made or undertaken, and the sums expended thereon each year. (*Sessional Papers No. 27.*)

The following Bill was read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 67), Respecting Escheats and Forfeitures.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 82), Respecting payments to Unorganized Townships or part of Districts under the Municipal Loan Fund Scheme;

and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee..*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1877, the following sums:—

46. To defray the expenses of Immigration services, as follow:—

Agencies in <i>Europe</i>	\$7,800 00
Agencies in <i>Canada</i>	2,400 00
Dominion Government, to meet proportion of charges for forwarding Immigrants to <i>Ontario</i>	10,000 00
Balance due on previous years.....	11,637 42
Carriage of Immigrants in <i>Ontario</i> , including maintenance ...	5,000 00
Provisions and medical attendance for same.....	5,500 00
Assistance by way of payments in reduction of passage money to selected Emigrants specially consigned to <i>Ontario</i> ...	10,000 00
Contingencies.....	800 00
Total	\$53,137 42

47. To defray the expenses of a grant in aid of Agriculture, Arts,
Literary and Scientific Institutions, as follow:—

Electoral Division Societies, 81 at \$700.....	\$56,700 00
Electoral Division Society, 1 at \$550	550 00
Electoral Division Societies, 6 at \$350	2,100 00
Outlying Districts.....	300 00
Fruit Growers' Association	1,000 00
Entomological Society	750 00
Dairymen's Association	2,000 00
Agricultural Association.....	10,000 00
Poultry Association.....	600 00
For sundry services in connection with Agriculture and Arts not otherwise provided for.....	2,000 00
Mechanics' Institutes	23,000 00
Art Union.....	500 00
School of Art and Design	500 00
Canadian Institute, <i>Toronto</i>	750 00
Institut Canadien, <i>Ottawa</i>	300 00
Athenæum, <i>Ottawa</i>	300 00
To promote scientific research.....	500 00
Total	\$101,850 00

48. To defray the expenses of a grant in aid of Hospitals and Charities, as follow:—

For Hospitals and Institutions mentioned in Schedule A of Statute, 37 Vic., chap. 33	\$39,614 48
For Institutions in Schedule B.....	10,291 52
For Institutions in Schedule C.....	9,704 90

Total \$59,610 90

50. To defray Unforeseen and Unprovided Expenses	\$50,000 00
51. To defray the expenses at the works at the Asylum for the Insane, <i>Toronto</i>	\$27,075 00
52. To defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, <i>London</i>	\$88,840 00
53. To defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, <i>Hamilton</i>	\$103,950 00
54. To defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for Idiots, <i>Orillia</i>	\$6,732 14
55. To defray the expenses of works at the Provincial Reformatory, <i>Penetangueshene</i>	\$2,900 00
56. To defray the expenses of works at the Central Prison, <i>Toronto</i>	\$15,250 00
57. To defray the expenses of works at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, <i>Bellefonte</i>	\$28,355 00
58. To defray the expenses of works at the Blind Institute, <i>Brantford</i>	\$23,025 00
59. To defray the expenses of works at the School of Agriculture	\$16,800 00
60. To defray the expenses of works at the School of Practical Science	\$500 00
61. To defray the expenses of works at the Normal School and Education Office	\$4,000 00
62. To defray the expenses of works at the Normal School, <i>Ottawa</i>	\$1,200 00
63. To defray the expenses of works at <i>Osgoode Hall</i>	\$5,000 00
64. To defray the expenses of works at Government House	\$20,000 00
65. To defray the expenses of works at the Parliament Buildings.....	\$2,000 00
66. To defray the expenses of works in the District of <i>Algoma</i>	\$3,000 00
67. To defray the expenses of works in the <i>Thunder Bay</i> District	\$400 00
68. To defray the expenses of works in the <i>Nipissing</i> District.	\$200 00
69. To defray the expenses of works in the <i>Muskoka</i> District.....	\$600 00
70. To defray the expenses of works in the <i>Parry Sound</i> District.....	\$100 00
71. To defray the expenses of works at <i>Muskoka</i>	\$800 00
72. To defray the expenses of works at <i>Wye River</i>	\$7,900 00
73. To defray the expenses of works between <i>Mary's</i> and <i>Fairy Lakes</i>	\$6,000 00
74. To defray the expenses of works at <i>Scugog River</i>	\$1,000 00
75. To defray the expenses of works at <i>Balsam River</i>	\$2,000 00
76. To defray the expenses of works at <i>Gull</i> and <i>Burnt Rivers</i>	\$8,000 00
77. To defray the expenses of Surveys, Inspections, Arbitrations and charges not otherwise provided for.....	\$5,000 00

78. To defray the expenses of works in maintenance of Locks, Dams, and Swing Bridges	\$2,000 00
79. To defray the expenses of Lock-masters' and Bridge-tenders' salaries	\$1,700 00
80. To defray the expenses of construction and repairs of Colonization Roads, as follows—	
1.—NORTH DIVISION :	
<i>Great Northern Road.....</i>	\$2,500 00
<i>St. Joseph's Island Road.....</i>	1,500 00
<i>Thitnder Bay Roads.....</i>	2,000 00
<i>Rose and Lefroy Roads.....</i>	1,500 00
Total for North Division	\$7,500 00
2.—WEST DIVISION :	
<i>Parry Sound Road.....</i>	\$5000 00
<i>Northern Road, Township of Ferrie</i>	2,000 00
<i>Road across Township of Ferrie.....</i>	1,100 00
<i>Rosseau and Nipissing Road</i>	6,000 00
<i>McDougall Road</i>	500 00
<i>Maganeawan Road</i>	1,200 00
<i>Stisted Road</i>	3,000 00
<i>East River Road.....</i>	1,000 00
<i>Peninsula Road</i>	1,000 00
<i>Muskoka Road</i>	500 00
<i>Baysville Road.....</i>	1,500 00
<i>Brunel Road</i>	1,500 00
<i>Macauley Road.....</i>	1,500 00
<i>Muskoka Road.....</i>	3,000 00
Total for West Division.....	\$28,800 00
3.—EAST DIVISION.	
<i>Mississippi Road</i>	\$1,500 00
<i>Hastings Road</i>	1,000 00
<i>Addington Road</i>	1,000 00
<i>Hagarty and Brudenel Road.....</i>	1,500 00
<i>Wilberforce Road</i>	1,500 00
<i>Eganville and Douglas and Pierreault settlement roads</i>	1,000 00
Total for East Division	\$7,500 00
4.—BRIDGES.	
<i>Garden River Bridge</i>	\$2,000 00
<i>Parry River Bridge</i>	1,500 00
<i>Seguin River Bridge</i>	1,000 00
<i>Madawaska Bridge (on the Addington Road)</i>	3,000 00
<i>Matawan Bridge</i>	3,000 00
Total for Bridges.....	\$10,500 00

5.—GENERAL PURPOSES :

Inspection and locations.....	\$3,000 00
Short new roads and repairs of like nature	20,000 00
 Total for general purposes.....	\$23,000 00
Total for Colonization Roads.....	\$77,300 00

81. To defray the expenses of Crown Lands Expenditure, as follow :—

Board of surveys.....	\$400 00
Agents' salaries, commissions and disbursements.....	18,000 00
Forest ranging and inspection of timber lands	14,000 00

Surveys as follows :—

Townships near the <i>Bruce Mines</i> and in the vicinity of <i>Sault Ste. Marie</i>	\$12,000 00
Township of Mineral Lands at <i>Pigeon River</i>	5,000 00
Townships in the <i>Huron</i> and <i>Ottawa Territory</i>	32,000 00
Township of <i>Sunnidale</i> (re-vote).....	1,600 00
Township of <i>Bedford</i> (re-vote).....	1,600 00
Maps	2,000 00
Survey of limits in <i>Huron</i> and <i>Ottawa Territory</i> chargeable against holders.....	5,000 00
 Total	\$91,600 00

82. To meet the expenses of the Refund Account, as follow :—

EDUCATION :

Contributions to Superannuation Fund	\$750 00
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CROWN LANDS :

For payments made to the credit of the Department on account of uncompleted purchases, and afterwards returned to proposed purchasers on purchases not being carried out	\$20,000 00
For two per cent. of timber dues payable to Municipalities for timber cut on road allowances	3,000 00
 Total	\$23,000 00

MUNICIPALITIES FUND :

To pay over to Municipalities the amount collected in 1876—	
Commissions, &c.	\$31,023 62
Balance at credit of Fund, January 1st, 1877.....	34,039 04
 Total	\$65,062 66

LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND :

Moneys collected from sale of Crown Lands, subject to the Land Improvement Fund, for the year ending 30th June, 1876.....	4,358 51
Moneys collected from the sale of Common School Lands, subject to the Land Improvement Fund, for the year ending 30th June, 1876; less 6 per cent. for collection and management.....	10,432 68

Moneys collected from the sale of Grammar School Lands, subject to the Land Improvement Fund, from the 20th June, 1875, to 30th June, 1876; less 6 per cent for collection and management.....	\$715 42
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Total Refund Account.....	\$104,319 27
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83. To defray the expenses made necessary to complete the Services of 1875... \$19,223 87

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; and, That the Committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into a Committee of Supply To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.40 P.M.

Wednesday, 24th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McCraney—The Petition of Joseph Muckle and others, of Harwich ; also, the Petition of John Hall and others, of Dover East.

By Mr. Coutts—The Petition of James S. Laird and others, of Kent ; also, the Petition of J. S. Ireland and others, of Dover East.

By Mr. Broder—The Petition of the Orange Lodge No. 782, of Dundas.

By Mr. Patterson (*York*)—The Petition of the Toronto Street Railway Company ; also, the Petition of the County Council of York ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of York.

By Mr. Lyon—The Petition of George Smith and others, of Milton.

By Mr. Creighton—The Petition of the Township Council of Normanby ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Osprey ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 394 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 973, of Grey ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of Euphrasia.

By Mr. Barr—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of Shelburne.

By Mr. Bell—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 4, of Toronto.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of the School Board of Moore, praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

Of the Township Council of Euphemia, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of the Township Council of York, praying that an investigation be made into the management of the Toronto General Hospital.

Of H. Robinson and others, of Lucknow, praying for the abolition of the Book Depository.

Of Orange Lodge No. 766, of Victoria ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 425 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 435 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 251, all of Huntingdon ; also, of the Orange Lodge of North Hastings ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 3, of North Hastings ; also, of Orange

Lodge No. 110, of *Stirling*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Cobden*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Winchester*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Williamsburgh*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Dundas*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 862; also, of Orange Lodge No. 550; also, of Orange Lodge No. 333; also, of Orange Lodge No. 139, all of *Dundas*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Associations of *Ontario East* and *West*.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the following Bills, and report the same without amendment:—

Bill (No. 37), To amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Canadian Literary Institute at Woodstock*.

Bill (No. 12), Respecting *St. John's Church, Iroquois*.

Bill (No. 61), To consolidate the debt of the *Port Hope Harbour*.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting By-law No. 240, of the Town of *Windsor*.

Bill (No. 47), To legalize a By-law of the County of *Simcoe*.

Bill (No. 85), Respecting the *Peel General Manufacturing Company*.

The Committee have also examined the following Bills, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:

Bill (No. 3), To incorporate the *William Hall, Peterborough, Protestant Poor Trust*.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting *St. Paul's Church, in the Village of Almonte*.

Bill (No. 63), Respecting the *Presbyterian Church at Orillia*.

Bill (No. 57), To enable the Corporation of *Cobourg* to aid certain Manufacturing Establishments.

Bill (No. 4), To amend the *Water Works Act of the City of Ottawa*.

Bill (No. 16), To amend the *Act incorporating the Upper Canada Bible Society*.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 59), Respecting the *Toronto Land and Loan Company*, the Bill having been withdrawn by the promoter thereof.

Also that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 25), To enable *Bernard McAllister*, a trustee, to convey certain lands, the Bill having been reported against by the Commissioners of Estate Bills, to whom the same was referred.

Also, that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the following Bills, the same being in connection with religious institutions:—Bill (No. 12), *St. John's Church, Iroquois*; Bill (No. 20), *St. Paul's Church, Almonte*; Bill (No. 63), *Presbyterian Church, Orillia*; Bill (No. 16), *Upper Canada Bible Society*.

Ordered, That the fees, less actual expenses, be remitted on the following Bills:—(No. 59), *Toronto Land and Loan Company*; Bill (No. 25), *B. McAllister*; Bill (No. 12), *St. John's Church, Iroquois*; Bill (No. 20), *St. Paul's Church, Almonte*; Bill (No. 63), *Presbyterian Church, Orillia*; and Bill (No. 16), *Upper Canada Bible Society*.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee*, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the following Bills to them referred, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the *Credit Valley Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the *Leamington, Comber, and Lake St. Clair Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the *Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company*.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 66), intituled “An Act respecting the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company*.”—Mr. *Brown*.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

On motion of Mr. *Lauder*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House :—

1st. A statement of all property belonging to the Endowment Fund of the University of *Toronto*, University College and *Upper Canada College*.

2nd. Statement of the Income derived from said property from 1867 to 1876, inclusive, showing separately the income for each year.

3rd. Also the annual expenditure in detail of said funds respectively, during the same period.

On motion of Mr. *Ferris*, seconded by Mr. *Haney*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of the Correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of *Ontario*, relating to the transfer of the *River Trent Works* to this Province by the Dominion Government.

On motion of Mr. *Haney*, seconded by Mr. *Ferris*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all correspondence relating to, and all the data upon which the High School at *Font Hill* has been ordered to be closed, except such portion as is already in possession of the House.

The following Bill was read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 82), Respecting payments to Unorganized Townships, or parts of Districts, under the Municipal Loan Fund Scheme.

Mr. Speaker called upon Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, to take the Chair during his absence ; and, after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Inspector of Division Courts for the Province of *Ontario*, for the year 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 28.)

Also, In obedience to an Order of the House :—

Copy of contract under which the Printing of the House and of the Public Departments is being performed ; also copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council, or other documents relating to an alteration in the said contract. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 29.)

Also, Supplementary Return to an Address (in Session of 1875-6) to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would cause to be laid before the House, a Return of cases standing for judgment in the Court of Chancery for *Ontario*, on the 13th day of January, 1876, made by the Registrar of the said Court. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 14.)

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Church of *St. Alban the Martyr*, in *Ottawa* ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)* reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 74), To amend the Free Grants and Homestead Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 78), To prevent Betting or Wagering on Elections for Members of the Legislative Assembly of *Ontario*, having been read,

The Honourable Mr. *Currie* moved,
That the Bill be now read the second time.
And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 84), To extend Cap. 45, of the Consolidated Statutes for *Upper Canada*, intituled "An Act respecting Mortgages and Sales of Personal Property" to the Districts of *Muskoka*, *Parry Sound*, *Thunder Bay*, and *Nipissing*.

Referred to a Select Committee composed as follows :—Messieurs *Miller*, *Dawson*, *Deroche*, *Meredith*, *Hardy*, *Scott*, and *Deacon*.

Bill (No. 18), To alter and amend the survey of the lands of the *Canada Company*, in the Townships of *Bosanquet* and *McGillivray*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 54), For the admission of *William E. Idsardi* as a Provincial Land Surveyor.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 23), Respecting the *North Simcoe Railway Company*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 91), To amend the *Act respecting Municipal Institutions*.

Referred to a Select Committee to be composed as follows :—Messrs. *Baxter*, *Bishop*, *Clarke (Wellington)*, *Code*, *Coutts*, *Hardy*, *Lyon*, *McGowan*, *Meredith*, *Merrick*, *Mostyn*, *O'Donoghue*, *Tooley*, *Springer*, and *Widdifield*.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 86), To extend the Municipal Franchise to Women, having been read,

Mr. *Clarke (Norfolk)*, moved,
That the Bill be now read the second time.

Mr. *Sinclair* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Finlayson*,
That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor : "the Bill be not now read the second time, but that it be read the second time this day three months."

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Barr</i> ,	<i>Deacon</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>O'Sullivan</i> ,
<i>Baxter</i> ,	<i>Deroche</i> ,	<i>McCraney</i> ,	<i>Pardee</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Ferris</i> ,	<i>McDougall (Mid-</i>	<i>Preston</i> ,
<i>Bishop</i> ,	<i>Finlayson</i> ,	<i>dlesee)</i> ,	<i>Richardson</i> ,
<i>Bonfield</i> ,	<i>Flesher</i> ,	<i>McDougall (Sim-</i>	<i>Rosevear</i> ,
<i>Boulter</i> ,	<i>Fraser</i> ,	<i>coe)</i> ,	<i>Scott</i> ,
<i>Broder</i> ,	<i>Gibson</i> ,	<i>McGowan</i> ,	<i>Sexton</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Graham</i> ,	<i>McRae</i> ,	<i>Sinclair</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Grant</i> ,	<i>Massie</i> ,	<i>Snetsinger</i> ,
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Hardy</i> ,	<i>Meredith</i> ,	<i>Springer</i> ,
<i>Code</i> ,	<i>Hargraft</i> ,	<i>Merrick</i> ,	<i>Tooley</i> .
<i>Cole</i> ,	<i>Hodgins</i> ,	<i>Monk</i> ,	<i>Watterworth</i> ,
<i>Coutts</i> ,	<i>Hunter</i> ,	<i>Mostyn</i> ,	<i>Wilson</i> ,
<i>Creighton</i> ,	<i>Kean</i> ,	<i>Mowat</i> ,	<i>Wood—31</i> .
<i>Crooks</i> ,	<i>Long</i> ,	<i>O'Donoghue</i> ,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Clarke (Norfolk), Haney,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington), Harkin,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Currie, Lauder,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	<i>Widdifield</i>

—12.

The original Motion as amended, having been then put, was carried, and it was,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day three months.

The House then adjourned at 11 P.M.

Thursday, 25th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :

By the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*—The Petition of *John J. Vickers* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Merrick*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 995; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 562; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 982; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,260; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 881; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,000; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 496; all of *Frontenac*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 575; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 130; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,250; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,219; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,091; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 775; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 767; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 642, all of *North Huron*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 606 of *North Ontario*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge, No. 612; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 639; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,233; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 968; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 735, all of *East Bruce*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,033; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 751, all of *North Perth*; also the Petition of Orange Lodge of *North Frontenac*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Hinchinbrooke*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Olden*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,261 of *North Grey*.

By Mr. *Tooley*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 662; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 826; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,097, all of *Middlesex*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *West Middlesex*.

By Mr. *Wills*—The Petition of *E. G. Henderson* and others of *Belleview*.

By Mr. *Hodgins*—The Petition of *Arthur Rankin* of *Thornfield*.

By Mr. *Grunt*—The Petition of the County Agricultural Society of the County of *Glengarry*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read :—

Of the County Council of *Bruce*, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to the Exemption Clauses.

Of the School Board of *Grimsby*; also, of the High School Board of *Brighton*, praying for certain amendments to the School Acts.

The Honourable Mr. Fraser, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the following Bills, and have prepared certain amendments thereto, respectively:—

Bill (No. 40), Respecting *Trinity Medical College*.

Bill (No. 6), To authorize the Town of *Dundas* to pass a by-law exempting the *Canada Screw Company* from taxation.

Bill (No. 31), To incorporate the *Standard Fire Insurance Company*.

The Committee have also examined Bill (No. 15), To confirm a re-survey of part of the Town of *Collingwood*, and find the preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that special legislative enactment in the premises is not desirable or necessary.

The Committee recommend that the fees on said Bill (No. 15), be remitted, less the actual cost of printing.

The Honourable Mr. Fraser, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined Bill (No. 27), To incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario West* and the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East*, and find the preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that special legislative enactments in the premises is not desirable or necessary.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the said Bill (No. 27).

Ordered, That the fees be remitted, less the actual cost of printing, on Bill (No. 15), Town of *Collingwood*; also, on Bill (No. 27), Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East* and *West*.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee*, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the following Bills to them referred, and have prepared certain amendments thereto, respectively:—

Bill (No 10), To amend the Acts relating to the *Whitby* and *Port Perry Extension Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 62), Respecting the *Huron and Quebec Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 43), To incorporate the *Niagara and St. Catharines Railroad and Steamboat Company*.

The following Bill was read the third time, and passed:—

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Church of *St. Alban the Martyr*, in *Ottawa*.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of 1877, the following sums:

49. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure, as follow:—

To cover expenses of collection of revenue for law stamps and licenses	\$2,500 00
To cover expenses in connection with municipalities and other funds.....	500 00
To provide for expenses attending the settlement of the Municipal Loan Fund debt and surplus schemes.....	500 00

To provide for expenses re <i>Ontario</i> and <i>Quebec</i> Settlement (re-vote in part).....	\$4,000 00
To provide for expenses re Northern and Western boundaries (re-vote in part).....	4,000 00
Marriage Licenses, printing and incidentals.....	400 00
Inspection of Railways.....	500 00
<i>Ontario</i> Rifle Association.....	600 00
Insurance on public buildings and furniture.....	2,200 00
Consolidation of Statute Law.....	5,000 00
Consolidation of Statute Law, (for advance on type).....	7,000 00
Expenses of elections.....	2,000 00
Expenses of contested elections.....	1,000 00
To cover gratuities to officers whose services may be dispensed with.....	5,000 00
For repairs and care of <i>Brock's "Monument"</i>	400 00
Total	\$35,700 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; and that the Committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into a Committee of Supply To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 71), To amend the Voters' Lists Act, having been read,

Mr. *Hodgins* moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time,

And the Motion, having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Barr,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe),</i>	<i>O'Sullivan,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Grange,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Preston,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Meredith,</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Kean,</i>	<i>Merrick,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Code,</i>	<i>Long,</i>	<i>Monk,</i>	<i>Rosevear,</i>
<i>Coutts,</i>	<i>McDougall (Mid-dlesex),</i>	<i>Mostyn,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Creighton,</i>		<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Tooley</i> —32.
<i>Deacon,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby,</i>	<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>
<i>Ballantyne,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>McLeod,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hargratt,</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>	<i>Wood</i> —31.
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>	

The Bill was then read the second time.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 81), To facilitate the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the manufacturing of Butter, Cheese, and other Dairy Products.

Referred to a Select Committee, composed as follows :—Messieurs *Ballantyne, Graham, Appleby, Scott, Deroche and Wills.*

On motion of Mr. *McMahon*, seconded by Mr. *Graham*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the names of all persons appointed to any position in the Civil Service of the *Ontario* Government during the years 1867 to 1876, inclusive ; the date when each person was so appointed ; the nature of the employment ; the salary attached thereto ; the residence by Counties, Cities, or Towns, as the case may be.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock.

The House then adjourned at 10.45 P.M.

Monday, 29th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That the Clerk had received from the Judges appointed to inquire into, and report on Estate Bills their Reports in the following cases :—

Bill (No. 44), To erect the Town of *Brantford* into a City.

Bill (No. 9), Respecting *St. Paul's Church, Toronto*.

Bill (No. 13), Respecting the Diocese of *Huron*.

Bill (No. 92), Respecting the Township of *Adelaide*.

The Reports were then read at the Table, as follow :—

The undersigned, two of the Commissioners to whom were referred Clause Eleven of Bill (No. 44), beg leave to report as follows :—

They do not think it reasonable that the present Cemetery, called *Mount Hope Cemetery*, should be disposed of, or dealt with otherwise than as a Cemetery until all the bodies therein interred be removed, and decently re-interred in another burying ground, to be procured by the Corporation of the City of *Brantford*.

The Commissioners consider it proper that provisions similar to those contained in Sections Two and Three, 39 *Vic.*, Chapter Ninety-nine, be embodied in the Bill in question before it passes into law.

JOHN H. HAGARTY, C.J.
S. H. BLAKE, V.C.

Dated Osgoode Hall,
25th January, 1877.

The Commissioners to whom were referred Bill (No. 9,) beg leave to report as follows :—

From the Petition, the basis of the Bill in question, it appears that the premises sought to be affected are vested in the Reverend *Sultern Givins*, the Incumbent of *St. Paul's*

Church, upon certain trusts which are not defined in the papers presented to the Commissioners. Without information as to the nature of these trusts it is impossible to say whether or not it is reasonable that this Bill should pass into law.

The trusts specified do not, it is presumed, permit a mortgage, or the present application to the Legislature would be unnecessary.

It may be that all that is sought by this Bill could be obtained under the Religious Institutions Act, 36 Victoria Chapter 135, in which case the proposed legislation is not reasonable.

J. G. SPRAGGE, C.
S. H. BLAKE, V.C.

OSGOODE HALL, 26th January, 1877.

To

C. T. Gillmor, Esq.,
Clerk Legislative Assembly,
Toronto.

OSGOODE HALL, January 26th 1877.

The undersigned to whom, with other Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity Commissions have been issued to report in respect of any Estate Bills or petitions for Estate Bills, which may be submitted to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, have the honour to state in reference to the Bill (No. 13), and the Petition of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Huron, that, assuming the allegations contained in the Preamble to be proved, it is, in their opinion, reasonable that the same do pass into law, and that the provisions thereof are proper for carrying its purposes into effect. They beg, however, to suggest that it would be well not to limit the sum, to be applied towards the erection of a parsonage house, to one-fifth of the proceeds of the sale of the piece of land proposed to be sold, as provided by the third section of the Act, but to leave the sum to be so applied out of the proceeds of such sale to the decision of the vestry that may hereafter decide upon the erection of a parsonage.

The undersigned have accordingly altered the third section of the Act to meet their view of what is proper in that respect.

J. G. SPRAGGE, C.
W. PROUDFOOT, V.C.

The undersigned, two of the Commissioners appointed to report upon Estate Bills beg to report upon Bill (No. 92), To empower the Township of Adelaide to convey certain lands.

That it seems reasonable in their opinion that the Bill should pass into law, a more suitable place for the erection of the buildings referred to in the grant having been purchased by the Municipality, and a Town Hall erected thereon.

GEO. H. BURTON, J.
C. S. PATTERSON, J.

OSGOODE HALL, 26th January, 1877.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 44), To erect Brantford into a City, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 9), Respecting St. Paul's Church, Toronto, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

Ordered. That Bill (No. 13), To authorize the Synod of the Diocese of Huron, to sell certain lands in *Warwick*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

Ordered. That Bill (No. 92), Respecting the Township of *Adelaide*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*—The Petition of *John McIntyre* and others, of *Fort William*; also the Petition of the County Council of *Oxford*; also the Petition of the School Board of *Fergus*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*—The Petition of *James Ashdown* and others, of *Humphrey*; also the Petition of *John Claris* and others, of *Preston*.

By Mr. *Clark* (*Wellington*)—The Petition of the School Board of *Elora*.

By Mr. *Coutts*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Wallaceburgh*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*—The Petition of the County Council of *Peel*.

By Mr. *Wills*—The Petition of the County Council of *Hastings*.

By Mr. *O'Donoghue*—The Petition of *John Graham* and others, of *Ottawa*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read :—

Of *George Smith*, and others, of *Milton*, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to the Exemption clauses.

Of the Township Council of *York*, praying for certain amendments to the Voters' Lists Act.

Of the *Toronto Street Railway Company*, praying that the Bill now before the House respecting the *Toronto Street Railway Company* may not pass.

Of the County Council of *York*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts.

Of *J. S. Laird*, and others, of *Kent*, praying for certain Amendments to the Drainage Act.

Of *J. S. Ireland*, and others; also, of *John Hall*, and others, of *Kent*; severally praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of *Joseph Muckle*, and others, of *Harwich*; praying that the time for commencing work on the *Erie* and *Huron Railway* be not extended.

Of the Township Council of *Osprey*; also, of the Township Council of *Normanby*, severally praying that an Act may pass to reunite the North and South Ridings of the County of *Grey* for Registration purposes.

Of *John J. Vickers*, and others, praying that the Bill now before the House respecting the Municipality of *Shuniah* may not pass.

Of *E. G. Henderson*, and others, of *Belleville*, praying for certain amendments to the Ontario Medical Act.

Of *Arthur Rankin*, of *Thornfield*, praying that the Bill now before the House respecting the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie* may not pass.

Of the County Agricultural Society of the County of *Glengarry*, respecting the abolition of Township Agricultural Societies.

Of the Orange Lodge No. 782, of *Dundas*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 394; also, of Orange Lodge No. 973, of *Grey*; also, of Orange Lodge of *Euphrasia*; also, of Orange Lodge of *Shelburne*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 4, of *Toronto*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 995; also, of Orange Lodge No. 562; also, of Orange Lodge No. 982; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,260; also, of Orange Lodge No. 881; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,000; also, of Orange Lodge No. 496, all of *Frontenac*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 575; also of Orange Lodge No. 130; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,250; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,219; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,091; also, of Orange Lodge No. 775; also, of Orange Lodge No. 767; also, of Orange Lodge No. 642, all of *North Huron*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 606, of *North Ontario*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 612; also, of Orange Lodge No. 639; also, of

Orange Lodge No. 1,233 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 968 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 735, all of *East Bruce* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,033 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 751, all of *North Perth* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *North Frontenac* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Hinchinbrooke* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *Olden* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,261, of *North Grey* ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 662 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 826 ; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,097, all of *Middlesex* ; also, of Orange Lodge of *West Middlesex*, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Associations of *Ontario East* and *West*.

The following Bills were severally introduced, and read a first time :—

Bill (No. 95), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Line Fences."—Mr. *Preston*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 96), intituled "An Act to extend the rights and remedies of Mechanics and others, entitled to Liens on Chattels."—Mr. *Patterson (Essex)*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 97), intituled "An Act respecting Mortgages and Sales of Personal Property."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 98), intituled "An Act to amend the *Ontario Medical Act*."—Mr. *Wills*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 99), intituled "An Act to amend the Acts respecting Building Societies."—Mr. *Hodgins*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 100), intituled "An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act of 1871."—Mr. *Striker*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 37), To amend the Act of incorporation of the Canadian Literary Institute of *Woodstock*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 61), To consolidate the Debt of the *Port Hope Harbour*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 85), Respecting the *Peel General Manufacturing Company*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 3), To incorporate the *William Hall, Peterborough, Protestant Poor Trust*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting *St. Paul's Church*, in the Village of *Almonte*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 16), To amend the Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Bible Society*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the *Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 6), To authorize the Town of *Dundas* to pass a By-law exempting the *Canada Screw Company* from taxes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 62), Respecting the *Huron and Quebec Railway Company*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 88), To amend the Assessment Act of 1875–76.

Referred to the same Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 91), To amend the Act respecting Municipal Institutions.

Bill (No. 94), To amend the Assessment Act of 1869.

Referred to the same Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 91), To amend the Act respecting Municipal Institutions.

The Honourable Mr. *Crooks* presented to the House by command of the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Receipts and Expenditures of the Province of *Ontario* for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1876. (*Sessional Papers No. 1*).

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by Command of the Lieutenant-Governor:—

The Report of the *Ontario School of Art*. (*Sessional Papers No. 30*).

Also—Annual Report of the Inspector of Asylums, Prisons and Public Charities for the year 1876. (*Sessional Papers No. 2*).

The House then adjourned at 4 P. M.

Tuesday, 30th January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:

By the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*—The Petition of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*—The Petition of the County Council of *Simcoe*; also, the Petition of the *South Simcoe* Electoral District, and the *Essa* Branch Agricultural Society.

By Mr. *Deroche*—The Petition of the School Board of *Newburgh*.

By Mr. *Mussie*—The Petition of the School Board of *Guelph*.

By Mr. *Tooley*—Four Petitions of the County Council of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. *McDougall (Middlesex)*—The Petition of the County Council of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. *Graham*—The Petition of *Malcolm Dewar* and others, of *Plympton*.

By Mr. *Ross*—Four Petitions of the County Council of *Huron*.

By Mr. *Monk*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Dunrobin*.

By Mr. *Hay*—The Petition of *A. Matheson* and others, of *Stratford*.

By Mr. *Puxton*—The Petition of *Peter Kennedy* and others, of *Fort William*.

By Mr. *Merrick*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Arran*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 203; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 609; all of *East Bruce*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 11; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,137; all of *North Grey*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Oakville*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 567; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 568; all of *North Ontario*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 693, of *Aurora*.

By Mr. *Broder*—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 653, of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *Scott*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Lakefield*.

Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed:—

Return of amounts expended on Colonization Roads in the District of *Algoma*. (*Sessional Papers No. 27*.)

Return showing the cases tried by Jury in the several counties, and cities, in the years 1874 and 1875, and the number tried by Judges, without a Jury. (*Sessional Papers No. 15.*)

Estimates for the year 1877. (*Sessional Papers No. 8.*)

Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly. (*Sessional Papers No. 6.*)

Tabular Statement relating to the Railways in *Ontario*. (*Sessional Papers No. 9.*)

Report on the Crown Lands for 1876. (*Sessional Papers No. 11.*)

Report of Inspector of Division Courts for 1876. (*Sessional Papers No. 28.*)

Return of High Schools in operation during 1876, and of those ordered to be closed during present year. (*Sessional Papers No. 26.*)

Return of contracts for Government printing and all correspondence relating thereto. (*Sessional Papers No. 29.*)

Report of the Inspector of Asylums, Prisons, and Public Charities, for 1876. (*Sessional Papers, No. 2.*)

Statements of Receipts and Expenditures for 1876. (*Sessional Papers, No. 1.*)

The Committee recommend that the following documents be not printed:—

Report of *L'Institut Canadien-Français de la Cité d'Ottawa*. (*Sessional Papers, No. 25.*)

Report of the *Ontario School of Art*. (*Sessional Papers, No. 30.*)

The Committee draw the attention of the Government and Legislature to the fact, that the Contract for the Supply of Printing Papers, will terminate on the sixth day of June next.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented their First Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee report that at its Session of to-day (30th January, 1877,) the following resolution was adopted:—

“ That inasmuch as some Members of the Committee have met on several occasions but have been unable to proceed at the hour appointed for the meeting of the Committee, the quorum being fixed at the number of nine, and that number not being present; and considerable loss of time having resulted therefrom, it is therefore resolved, That the Chairman be requested to ask the House to reduce the number necessary to form a quorum to the number of Seven,” The Committee therefore recommend the reduction of the quorum of the Committee to Seven members.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the Public Accounts Committee be reduced to Seven members.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the Bill (No. 11), To reunite the North and South Ridings of the County of *Grey*, for the purpose of the Registration of Titles, and find the preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that legislation in the premises is not desirable or necessary. The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the Bill.

The Committee have also examined Bill (No. 64), To legalize a certain by-law and certain debentures of the City of *Toronto*, and report the Bill with certain amendments.

The Committee have also examined Bill (No. 39), To incorporate the People's Gas Company, and have amended the Preamble thereof in certain particulars, on the ground that certain of the allegations therein contained were not proven to the satisfaction of the Committee. The Committee have also prepared certain other amendments to the Bill.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 35), To change the names of certain streets in the City of *Ottawa*, the Bill having been withdrawn by the promoter thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 11), To reunite North and South Grey; also, on Bill (No. 35), Streets in Ottawa.

Mr. Creighton, moved, seconded by Mr. Barr,

"That the Sixth Report of the Committee on Private Bills, so far as it relates to Bill (No. 11), To reunite the North and South Ridings of Grey for Registration purposes, be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to consider the preamble of the Bill as proven, and to proceed to the consideration of the several clauses thereof."

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Appleby,	Crooks,	McDougall (<i>Mid-</i>	Ross,
Barr,	Flesher,	<i>dlesex</i>),	Sexton,
Bishop,	Gibson,	Monk,	Sinclair,
Broder,	Grange,	Patterson (<i>Essex</i>),	Wigle,
Brown,	Hay,	Richardson,	Wills,
Creighton,	Iauder,	Rosevear,	Wilson.—23.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Ballantyne,	Deacon,	McCraney,	Patterson (<i>York</i>),
Baxter,	Deroche,	McDougall (<i>Simcoe</i>),	Paxton,
Bell,	Ferris,	McGowan,	Preston,
Bonfield,	Finlayson,	McMahon,	Robinson,
Boulter,	Fraser,	McRae,	Scott,
Cameron,	Graham,	Massie,	Snetsinger,
Chisholm,	Grant,	Meredith,	Springer,
Clarke (<i>Norfolk</i>),	Harkin,	Merrick,	Striker,
Clarke (<i>Wellington</i>),	Hodgins,	Miller,	Tooley.
Code,	Hunter,	Mostyn,	Watterworth,
Cole,	Kean,	Mowat,	Widdifield,
Coutts,	Lane,	O'Donoghue,	Williams,
Dawson,	Lyon,	Pardee.	Wood—52.

On Motion of the Honourable Mr. Crooks, seconded by the Honourable Attorney-General Mowat,

Ordered, That the Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1876, be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

The following Bills were severally introduced, and read a first time:—

Bill (No. 101), intituled "An Act respecting the Free Grants and Homestead Act of 1868."—The Honourable Mr. Pardee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 102), intituled "An Act respecting the County Court, General Sessions of the Peace and Surrogate Court of the County of York."—The Honourable Attorney-General Mowat.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 103), intituled "An Act to give the right of voting to Farmer's Sons in certain cases."—The Honourable Mr. Fraser.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House in obedience to an Order of the House :—

A Return of all correspondence relating to, and all the data upon which the High School at *Fort Hill* has been ordered to be closed, except such portion as is already in possession of the House. (*Sessional Papers No. 23.*)

Also :—A Statement of all property belonging to the Endowment Fund of the University of *Toronto*, University College, and *Upper Canada College*; Statement of the income derived from said property from 1867 to 1876 inclusive, showing separately the income of each year; also, the annual expenditure in detail of said funds respectively during the same period. (*Sessional Papers, No. 31.*)

Also :—Copies of the Reports made by the Provincial Secretary and the Inspector of Prisons, regarding the internal management of the Central Prison, as the result of any investigation by them, together with a copy of the evidence taken upon the investigation. (*Sessional Papers No. 33.*)

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 79), Respecting the Territorial District of *Muskoka, Parry Sound, and Thunder Bay, and the Provisional County of Haliburton.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 83), To amend the Act respecting the sale of Fermented or Spirituous Liquors.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.45 P.M.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. *Boulter*—The Petition of the School Board of *Stirling*.

By Mr. *Coulter*—The Petitions of the County Council of *Kent*.

By Mr. *McCraney*—Two Petitions of the County Council of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Patterson (Essex)*—Four Petitions of the County Council of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Deroche*—The Petition of the Village Council of *Newburgh*.

By Mr. *Brown*—The Petition of the County Council of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Baxter*—The Petition of *John Ludgate*, and others, of *Peterborough*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*—The Petition of the City Council of *Toronto*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read :—

Of *John Claris* and others of *Preston*, praying that no amendment may be made in the Municipal Act respecting County Bridges.

Of the County Council of *Oxford*, praying that the Ballot be extended to elections held under the *Dunkin Act*.

Of *John McIntyre* and others of *Fort William*, praying that the Bill now before the House respecting the Municipality of *Shuniah* may not pass.

Of the High School Board of *Fergus*; also, of the School Board of *Elora*, severally praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

Of the County Council of *Hastings*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of the Village Council of *Wallaceburg*, praying for certain amendments to the Drainage Act.

Of the County Council of *Peel*, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act, with respect to the Exemption Clauses.

Of *John Graham* and others, of *Ottawa*, praying for certain amendments to the Spirit License Act.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Seventh Report which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the following Bills, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively :

Bill (No. 44), To erect the Town of *Brantford* into a City, under the name of the City of *Brantford*.

Bill (No. 32), To incorporate the Town of *Belleville*, and for the consolidation of the debt thereof.

Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Village of *Port Elgin*.

The Committee have also examined Bill (No. 66), Respecting the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company*, and Report the Bill without amendment.

The Committee have also examined Bill (No. 2), To divide the Township of *East Hawkesbury* into two municipalities, and find the preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that legislation in the premises is not necessary or desirable. The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on said Bill (No. 2).

The Committee have also examined Bill (No. 24), Relating to *St. Mark's Church, Niagara*; also Bill (No. 26), To legalize a survey in the Township of *Matilda*, and have amended the Preambles of said Bills respectively, in accordance with the proof before the Committee, and have also prepared other amendments thereto.

The Committee recommend that the fees on Bill (No. 14), To confirm a survey in the Township of *Caledon*, be remitted, less the actual cost of printing, the Bill having been withdrawn by the promoter thereof;

Also, that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 24), *St. Mark's Church, Niagara*, the same being in connection with a religious institution.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee*, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the following Bills to them referred, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively :

Bill (No. 28). Respecting the *Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 19), An Act respecting the *Stratford and Huron Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 55), Respecting the *Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company*.

Bill (No. 29), An Act to incorporate the *Metropolitan Street Railway Company of Toronto*.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the expense of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 17), To amend the Act incorporating the *Ontario Central Railway Company*, the Bill not having been introduced.

Ordered.—That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the following Bills:—Bill (No. 2), *East Hawkesbury*; Bill (No. 14), Township of *Caledon*; Bill (No. 24), *St. Mark's Church, Niagara*, and (Bill No. 17), *Ontario Central Railway*.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 80), for the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts, and Manufactures, presented their Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to them referred, and report the same with certain amendments.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Currie*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*,

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom will be referred the Returns of the Sheriffs of this Province of their receipts and expenditures for the years 1872 and 1874, respectively made to this Legislature, the said Committee to be composed as follows:—The Honourable Mr. *Currie*, Messieurs. *Ferris, Wilson, Massie, Wigle, Merrick, Richardson, Meredith and McCraney*, to examine such Returns, with power to send for persons and papers.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 18), To alter and amend the survey of the lands of the *Canada Company* in the Townships of *Bosanquet* and *McGillivray*.

Bill (No. 54), For the admission of *William E. Idsardi* as a Provincial Land Surveyor.

Bill (No. 23), Respecting the *North Simcoe Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 37), To amend the Act of incorporation of the Canadian Literary Institute of *Woodstock*.

Bill (No. 61), To Consolidate the Debt of the *Port Hope Harbour*.

Bill (No. 85), Respecting the *Peel General Manufacturing Company*.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting *St. Paul's Church*, in the Village of *Almonte*.

Bill (No. 16), To amend the Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Bible Society*.

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the *Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 6), To authorize the Town of *Dundas* to pass a By-law exempting the *Canada Screw Company* from taxes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 34), For the Incorporation of the Christian Church in *Canada*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 12), Respecting *St. John's Church, Iroquois*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting By-law No. 240 of the Town of *Windsor*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 47), To legalize a By-law of the County of *Simcoe*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 63), Respecting the *Presbyterian Church at Orillia*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 4), To amend the Water Works Act of the City of *Ottawa*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 41), To Incorporate the *Leamington, Comber and Lake St. Clair Railway Company*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 31), To Incorporate the *Standard Fire and Marine Insurance Company*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 10), To amend the Acts relating to the *Whitby and Port Perry Extension Railway Company*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 43), To Incorporate the *Niagara* and *St. Catharines* Railroad and Steam-boat Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 64), To legalize a By-law and certain Debentures of the City of *Toronto*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 79), Respecting the Territorial Districts of *Muskoka*, *Parry Sound* and *Thunder Bay*, and the Provisional County of *Haliburton*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 83), To amend the Act respecting the Sale of Fermented or Spirituous Liquors; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.30 P.M.

Thursday, 1st February, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Watterworth.—The Petition of the County Council of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. Boulter.—The Petition of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of *Ontario*; also, the Petition of *Thomas Walker* and others, of *Stirling*.

By Mr. Kean.—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Orillia*.

By Mr. McDougall (*Middlesex*).—The Petition of *Thomas Hays* and others, of *Ailsa Craig*.

By Mr. Launder.—The Petition of *S. Page* and others; also, the Petition of *M. Staunton* and others; also, the Petition of *J. W. Gale* and others; also, the Petition of *William Hewitt* and others; also, the Petition of *John Rowland* and others, all of *Toronto*.

By Mr. Bell.—The Petition of *R. W. Riddell* and others of *Toronto*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of the Consumers' Gas Company, of *Toronto*, praying that the Bill now before the House, respecting the Peoples' Gas Company, may not pass.

Of Peter Kennedy and others, of *Fort William*, praying that the Bill now before the House, respecting the Municipality of *Shuniah*, may not pass.

Of the Village Council of *Lakefield*; also, of the County Council of *Huron*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act, with respect to the Exemption Clauses.

Of the County Council of *Huron*; also, of the County Council of *Middlesex*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act.

Of the County Council of *Huron*; also, of the School Board of *Newburgh*; also, of Malcolm Dewar and others, of *Plympton*, severally praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

Of the County Council of *Huron*, praying for certain amendments to the *Ontario Medical Act*.

Of the County Council of *Middlesex*, praying that the ballot may be abolished at Municipal Elections.

Of the County Council of *Middlesex*; also, of the *South Simcoe* Agricultural Society, severally praying for certain amendments to the Agriculture and Arts Act.

Of *A. Matheson* and others, of *Perth*, praying for the abolition of the Book Depository.

Of the Orange Lodge of *Dunrobin*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Arran*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 203; also, of Orange Lodge No. 609, all of *East Bruce*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 11; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,137; all of *North Grey*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Oakville*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 567; also, of Orange Lodge No. 568; all of *North Ontario*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 693, of *Aurora*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 653, of *Dundas*; severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Associations of *Ontario East* and *West*.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee*, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the following Bills to them referred, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 48), Relating to the *Hamilton* and *North-Western* Railway Company.

Bill (No. 52), To incorporate the *Guelph Street* Railway Company.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual expense of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 29), Respecting the Midland Railway, the Bill not having been introduced by the promoter.

The Committee also recommend that Rule No. 51 be suspended during the present Session in this, that the time for receiving Reports of the Standing Committee on Railways be extended until Monday, the Fifth instant inclusive.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eighth Report which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined Bill (No. 65), Respecting the Village of *Fort Erie*, and find the preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that legislation on the premises is not necessary or desirable.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the said Bill (No. 65).

The Committee also recommend that Rule No. 51 be suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be extended until, and inclusive of Monday the Fifth instant.

Ordered, That the fees less the actual cost of printing, be remitted in Bill (No. 65), Village of *Fort Erie*; also on (Bill No. 29), *Midland* Railway.

Ordered, That Rule No. 51 be suspended during the present Session, and that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees on Private Bills, and on Railways be extended until Monday the Fifth of February instant inclusive.

Mr. *Boulter*, from the Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 73), To amend the Acts respecting Dentistry, presented their Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to them referred, and report the same with certain amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Hargrave*

Ordered, That Order number Fifty be discharged, and that Bill (No. 57), To enable the Corporation of *Cobourg* to aid certain manufacturing establishments, be referred back to the Standing Committee on Private Bills for further consideration.

The following Bill was introduced, and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 104), intituled “An Act respecting Constables.”—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, in obedience to an Order of the House :

Copies of the Minutes of all meetings of the Senate of the University of *Toronto*, held during the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, relating to the affiliation of Medical Schools in the University of *Toronto*. (*Sessional Papers No. 32.*)

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 18), To alter and amend the survey of the lands of the *Canada Company* in the Townships of *Bosanquet* and *McGillivray*.

Bill (No. 54). For the admission of *William E. Idsardi* as a Provincial Land Surveyor.

Bill (No. 37), To amend the Act of incorporation of the Canadian Literary Institute of *Woodstock*.

Bill (No. 61), To Consolidate the Debt of the *Port Hope Harbour*.

Bill (No. 85), Respecting the *Peel General Manufacturing Company*.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting *St. Paul's Church*, in the Village of *Almonte*.

Bill (No. 16), To amend the Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Bible Society*.

Bill (No. 6), To authorize the Town of *Dundas* to pass a By-law exempting the *Canada Screw Company* from taxes.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 83), To amend the Act respecting the Sale of Fermented or Spirituous Liquors ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11 P.M.

Friday, 2nd February, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. *Wigle*—The Petition of the Township Council of *Anderdon*.

By Mr. *McCraney*—The Petition of *A. Trerice* and others, of *Dresden*.

By Mr. *Merrick*—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Stormont* ; also, of the Prince of Orange Lodge, of *Stormont* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 23 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 623 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 458 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 926 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 948 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 92 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 528 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,376 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 524, all of *Stormont* ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,396 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,203, all of *North Grey*.

By Mr. *Deacon*—Three Petitions of the County Council of *Renfrew*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read :—

Of the Village Council of *Newburgh*, praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

Of the School Board of *Stirling*, respecting the High School at *Stirling*.

Of the County Council of *Kent*, respecting the protection of Shade and Ornamental Trees.

Of the County Council of *Kent*; also, two Petitions of the County Council of *Essex*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of the County Council of *Essex*, praying for certain amendments to the Drainage Act.

Of the County Council of *Kent*; also, of the County Council of *Ontario*, severally praying that the Ballot be extended to Elections under the *Dunkin* Act.

Of *John Ludgate* and others, of *Peterborough*, praying for certain amendments to the Game Laws.

Of the City Council of *Toronto*, praying that the Bill to incorporate the People's Gas Company may not pass, except under certain conditions.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee have examined the following Bills, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively :

Bill (No. 9), Respecting *St. Paul's Church, Toronto*.

Bill (No. 45), To enable the Synod of *Niagara* to sell certain lands in *Arthur*.

Bill (No. 13), To authorize the Synod of the Diocese of *Huron* to sell certain lands in the Township of *Warwick*.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on said Bills, the same being in connection with religious institutions.

The Committee have also examined Bill (No. 60), Respecting the *Bothwell*, (*C.W.*) Land and Petroleum Company (Limited), and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

The Committee have also examined Bill (No. 92), To empower the Council of the Municipality of the Township of *Adelaide* to sell certain lands, and have amended the preamble thereof in accordance with proof before the Committee, and have otherwise amended the Bill.

The Committee have also examined Bill (No. 72). Respecting the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie*, and have struck out the preamble thereof, deeming it unnecessary; and have also prepared other amendments to said Bill.

The Committee also recommend that the whole of the fees on Bill (No. 72) be remitted, on the ground that the Bill, as reported by the Committee, might have been introduced as a public Bill.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee*, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee have examined the following Bill, and have prepared certain amendments thereto :

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the *Toronto Street Railway Company*.

The Committee have also examined the following Bill, and report the same without amendment :

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the *St. Catharines Street Railway Company*.

Ordered, That the whole of the fees be remitted on Bill (No. 72), *Sault Ste. Marie*; and the fees, less the actual cost of printing, on the following Bills (No. 9), *St. Paul's Church Toronto*, (No. 45), Synod of *Niagara*, (No. 13), Synod of the Diocese of *Huron*.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the *Leamington, Comber and Lake St. Clair Railway Company*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 34), For the Incorporation of the Conference of the Christian Church in *Ontario*.

Bill (No. 12), Respecting *St. John's Church, Iroquois*.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting By law No. 240, of the Town of *Windsor*.

Bill (No. 47), To legalize a By-law of the County of *Simcoe*.

Bill (No. 63), Respecting the Presbyterian Church of *Orillia*.

Bill (No. 4), To amend the Water Works Act of the City of *Ottawa*.

Bill (No. 31), To incorporate the *Standard Fire Insurance Company*.

Bill (No. 43), To incorporate the *Niagara and St. Catharines Railroad and Steamboat Company*.

Bill (No. 64), To legalize a By-law and certain Debentures of the City of *Toronto*.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 33), To incorporate the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the *Credit Valley Railway Company*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 40), To incorporate the *Trinity Medical School*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 39), To incorporate the People's Gas Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the *Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway Company*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 19), Respecting the *Stratford and Huron Railway*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 55), Respecting the *Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 29), To incorporate the *Metropolitan Street Railway Company, of Toronto*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 44), To erect the Town of *Brantford* into a City, under the name of the City of *Brantford*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 32), For the incorporation of the Town of *Belleville* as a City, and for the Consolidation of the Debt thereof.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Village of *Port Elgin*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 66), Respecting the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 24), Relating to *St. Mark's Church, Niagara*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 26), To legalize a Survey in the Township of *Matilda*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 48), Relating to the *Hamilton and North-Western Railway Company*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 52), To incorporate the *Guelph Street Railway Company*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Hodgins*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*:

Ordered, That there be laid before this House—1st. Copy of the Report of the Department of Public Works of the late Province of *Canada*, dated 3rd April, 1856—on the probable cost of erecting Parliamentary Buildings in the City of *Toronto*.

2nd. Report as to any proceedings taken by such Department, or by the Government of the late Province of *Canada*, for the selection of the site for such Parliamentary Buildings, in the University Park at the head of the College Avenue, pursuant to the Act 16th *Victoria*, ch. 161, and for the sale of the land and water lots mentioned in section 4 of the said Act.

3rd. A Statement showing the total amount expended for repairs of the Parliamentary and Departmental Buildings and for rents and repairs of temporary offices since 1st July, 1867.

4th. An estimate of the value of the land and Buildings now used for Parliamentary and Departmental Buildings; and an estimate of the probable cost of erecting new Public Buildings for such purposes.

Mr. *O'Sullivan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wigle*,

That a Select Committee be appointed, composed of Messieurs *Ferris*, *Striker*, *McMahon*, *Meredith* and *O'Sullivan* to inquire into the internal management of the Central Prison, the mode of punishment, and other treatment therein practised; the duties of the various officers connected therewith, with power to send for persons and papers, and examine under oath.

Mr. *Hardy* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*,

That all after the word "That" be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof "pursuant to resolution in that behalf, there have been laid before this House copies of the Report made by the Provincial Secretary and the Inspector of Asylums and Prisons, regarding the internal management of the Central Prison, as the result of any investigation by them, together with a copy of the evidence taken on such investigation, that the papers so laid before the House are now being printed for distribution. Therefore be it resolved, that, until the same are printed, and in the hands of the Members of this House, this House is not in a position to decide upon the necessity or propriety of appointing a Committee to inquire, either into the internal management or any other of the matters connected with such Prison."

And a Debate having arisen, and the House having continued to sit until twelve of the clock, midnight,

SATURDAY, 3rd February, 1877.

The Debate continued.

Mr Speaker called upon Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, to take the Chair during his absence; and, after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby</i> ,	<i>Bishop</i> ,	<i>Clarke (Wellington)</i> ,	<i>Dawson</i> ,
<i>Ballantyne</i> ,	<i>Bonfield</i> ,	<i>Cole</i> ,	<i>Finlayson</i> ,
<i>Baxter</i> ,	<i>Clarke (Norfolk)</i> ,	<i>Crooks</i> ,	<i>Fraser</i> ,

Gibson,	Lane,	O'Donoghue,	Striker,
Graham,	Lyon,	Pardee,	Watterworth
Grant,	McCraney,	Paxton,	Widdifield,
Hardy,	McMahon,	Sexton,	Williams,
Hay,	Miller,	Springer,	Wilson,
Hodgins,	Mowat,	Sinclair,	Wood—37.
Hunter,			

NAYS.

Messieurs

Barr,	Kean,	McRae,	Preston,
Bell,	Lauder,	Meredith	Richardson,
Broder,	McDougall (Mid-	Merrick,	Scott,
Cameron,	dlesex)	Monk,	Tooley,
Coutts,	McDougall (Simcoe),	O'Sullivan,	Wigle,
Creighton,	McGowan,	Patterson (Essex),	Wills—24.
Deacon,			

The Motion, as amended, having been then put was carried, and it was

Resolved, That pursuant to Resolution in that behalf, there have been laid before this House, copies of the Reports made by the Provincial Secretary and the Inspector of Asylums and Prisons, regarding the internal management of the Central Prison as the result of an investigation by them, together with a copy of the evidence taken in such investigation, that the papers so laid before this House are now being printed for distribution. Therefore, be it resolved, that until the same are printed, and in the hands of Members of this House, this House is not in a position to decide upon the necessity or propriety of appointing a Committee to inquire either into the internal management or any other of the matters connected with such Prison.

The House then adjourned at 1.20 A.M.

Monday, 5th February, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By the Honourable Mr. Cameron—The Petition of *John Fiskin* and others; also, the Petition of *Neil C. Love*, and others; also, the Petition of *William Badenach*, and others; also, the Petition of *Augustus Webber*, and others; also, the Petition of *James Bennet*, and others; also, the Petition of *F. C. Dixon*, and others; also, the Petition of *Andrew Graham*, and others; also, the Petition of *William Jones*, and others; also, the Petition of *T. Eaton*, and others; also, the Petition of *T. A. Lockington*, and others; also, the Petition of *J. McCausland*, and others; also, the Petition of *Alexander Anderson*, and others; also, the Petition of *George Hastings*, and others; also, the Petition of *Thomas Scully*, and others; also, the Petition of *Francis Goodwin*, and others; also, the Petition of *James Good*, and others; also the Petition of *E. W. Elmslie*, and others; also, the Petition of *Robert J. Fleming*, and others; also, the Petition of *A. B. Englehart*, and others, all of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. McDougall—The Petition of *Sutherland Brothers*; also, the Petition of *H. D. P. Armstrong*, and others; also, the Petition of *J. G. Sinclair*, and

others ; also, the Petition of *S. A. Vaux*, and others ; also, the Petition of *W. J. McDonnell*, and others ; also, the Petition of *C. P. Reid*, and others ; also, the Petition of *M. B. Young*, and others ; also, the Petition of *John Lamb*, and others ; also, the Petition of *Charles Price*, and others ; also, the Petition of *Thomas Foster*, and others ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 829 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 676 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 553 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 359, all of South Simcoe ; also, two Petitions of the County Council of Simcoe.

By Mr. Lauder.—The Petition of *John Zimmerman* and others ; also, the Petition of *Thomas Hodgins* and others ; also, the Petition of *Walter Butler* and others ; also, the Petition of *H. K. Dunn* and others ; also, the Petition of *William Munro* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Stanley* and others ; also, the Petition of *George J. Hunter* and others ; also, the Petition of *C. Mitchell* and others ; also, the Petition of *Arthur W. Godson* and others ; also, the Petition of *James Spence* and others ; also, the Petition of *E. A. Medcalf* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Morphy* and others ; also, the Petition of *M. A. Harper* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Foster* and others ; also, the Petition of *George Charter* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. H. Boyle* and others ; also, the Petition of *James Cowan* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Harrison* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. H. Bell* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. Ashton* and others ; also, the Petition of *R. Woods* and others ; also, the Petition of *William Walker* and others ; also, the Petition of *William Patterson* and others, all of Toronto.

By Mr. Widdifield.—The Petition of *Joseph Henry* and others, of Aurora ; also, the Petition of *Nelson Gorham* and others ; also, the Petition of *D. Sutherland* and others, all of Newmarket.

By Mr. Kean—The Petition of *William R. Bennett*, of South Orillia.

By Mr. Miller—The Petition of *C. More* and others ; also, the Petition of *M. Healey* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. K. Vernon* and others ; also, the Petition of *William Atkinson* and others ; also, the Petition of *Thomas Hart* and others ; also, the Petition of *Thomas H. Dick* and others ; also, the Petition of *Samuel Hazlitt* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Campbell* and others ; also, the Petition of *Edward Robinson* and others ; also, the Petition of *M. Pearson* and others, all of Toronto.

By Mr. Broder—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 524 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 239 ; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 580, all of Dundas.

By Mr. Ross—The Petition of the County Council of Huron.

By Mr. Hodgins.—The Petition of *Samuel Brodie* and others ; also, the Petition of *R. S. Williams* and others ; also, the Petition of *F. Rimer* and others ; also, the Petition of *Robert Armstrong* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. M. McPherson* and others ; also, the Petition of *James Ferguson* and others ; also, the Petition of *George Schofield* and others ; also, the Petition of *S. Clark* and others ; also, the Petition of *William Staunton* and others ; also, the Petition of *George Brown* and others, all of Toronto.

By Mr. Bell—The Petition of *J. Wright* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. Owens* and others ; also, the Petition of *William Baillie* and others ; also, the Petition of *Henry S. Boulton* and others ; also, the Petition of *William Holmes* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Graham* and others ; also, the Petition of *R. F. Walton* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. A. Donaldson* and others ; also, the Petition of *N. Foy* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. Read* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Kerr* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. M. Ewing* and others ; also, the Petition of *G. A. Powell* and others ; also, the Petition of *Daniel Kidd* and others ; also, the Petition of *James Lumbers* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. A. Riddell* and others ; also, the Petition of *George Flint* and others ; also, the Petition of *George Clarkson* and others ; also, the Petition of *Charles Lee* and others ; also, the Petition of *Edgar L. Lawrence* and others ; also, the Petition of *C. Martin* and others ; also, the Petition of *Joseph Johnson* and others ; also, the Petition of *B. Manning* and others ; also, the Petition of *John R. Robb* and others ; also, the Petition of *James Carruthers* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. Mellander* and others ; also, the Petition of *R. Wilkinson* and others ; also, the Petition of *F. W. Scott*, and others ; also, the Petition of *John Murphy* and others ; also, the Petition of *Thomas Spence* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. S. Finch* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. E. Southgate* and others ; also, the Petition of *T. Gordon* and others ; also, the Petition of *E. W. Harris* and others ;

also, the Petition of *John Jeffs* and others; also, the Petition of *James Allan* and others; also, the Petition of *Charles Dixon* and others; also, the Petition of *John S. King* and others; also, the Petition of *J. C. McMillan* and others; also, the Petition of *John R. Wood* and others; also, the Petition of *McGaw* and *Winnett* and others; also, the Petition of *Hugh Macdonald* and others; also, the Petition of *George P. Shears* and others; also, the Petition of *David Walker* and others; also, the Petition of *D. Black* and others; also, the Petition of *James Farley* and others; also, the Petition of *Joseph Alderson* and others; also, the Petition of *Henry McCulloch* and others; also, the Petition of *George Cowie* and others; also, the Petition of *E. P. Foster* and others; also, the Petition of *Charles Yates*, and others; also, the Petition of *Thomas E. Gould* and others; also, the Petition of *Charles A. Scadding* and others; also, the Petition of *John McConkey* and others; also, the Petition of *J. Ryan* and others; also, the Petition of *W. McVean* and others; also, the Petition of *Robert Johnson* and others; also, the Petition of *Thomas Bennett* and others; also, the Petition of *S. E. Briggs* and others; also, the Petition of *W. Metcalf* and others; also, the Petition of *John Harrison*; also, the Petition of *Charles Adams* and others; also, the Petition of *D. Haddon* and others, all of *Toronto*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of *C. Page* and others; also, of *William Hewitt* and others; also, of *John Rowland* and others; also, of *M. Staunton* and others; also, of *T. W. Gale* and others, all of *Toronto*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the *Toronto Street Railway Company*.

Of *Thomas Walker* and others, of *Stirling*, respecting the High School at *Stirling*.

Of *Thomas Huy* and others, of *Ailsa Craig*, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to the Exemption Clauses.

Of the County Council of *Middlesex*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of *R. W. Riddell* and others, of *Toronto*, praying for certain amendments to the Spirit License Act.

Of the County Council of *Renfrew*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of the County Council of *Renfrew*, praying that the Townships of *Hagarty*, *Sherwood*, *Jones*, *Richards* and *Burns*, may be united into one Municipality, and as such annexed to the County of *Renfrew*, and that the Townships of *Clara* and *Maria* may be annexed to the Township of *Head*.

Of the County Council of *Renfrew*, praying that the *Ontario Medical Act* may be so amended as to permit females to practise midwifery without license.

Of the Loyal Orange District Lodge of *Orillia*; also, of the Orange Lodge of *Stormont*; also, of the Prince of Orange Lodge, of *Stormont*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 25; also, of Orange Lodge No. 623; also, of Orange Lodge No. 458; also, of Orange Lodge No. 926; also, of Orange Lodge No. 948; also, of Orange Lodge No. 92; also, of Orange Lodge No. 528; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,376; also, of Orange Lodge No. 524, all of *Stormont*; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,396; also, of Orange Lodge No. 1,203, all of *North Grey*; severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Associations of *Ontario, East and West*.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Tenth Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have considered the following Bills, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Municipality of *Shuniah*.

Bill (No. 76), To incorporate the Industrial Exhibition Company.

The Committee have also considered the following Bills, and have severally amended the Preambles thereof, in accordance with the proof before the Committee, and have prepared certain other amendments thereto respectively:

Bill (No. 56) Respecting the City of *Toronto*, the *Toronto Water Works*, and other matters.

Bill (No. 49) Respecting *St. Paul's Church at Newmarket*.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 49), the same being in connection with a religious institution.

The Committee have also considered Bill (No. 46), To incorporate the *London Real Estate Association*, and find the Preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that general legislation should cover the powers sought for by the said Bill.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the said Bill (No. 46).

The Committee have also had before them Bill (No. 57), To enable the Corporation of *Cobourg* to aid certain manufacturing establishments, referred back to Committee for further consideration; the Committee have considered the said Bill, and have further amended the Preamble thereof, in accordance with the proof before the Committee, and have also prepared certain other amendments to the said Bill.

The Committee recommend that such of the fees as exceed the sum of sixty dollars be remitted on Bill (No. 92), To empower the Township of *Adelaide* to convey certain lands, on the grounds that the property authorized to be sold by the Bill is of a value not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, and that a similar Bill after being introduced last Session, failed to carry through an inadvertence on the part of the promoter.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eleventh Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have considered Bill (No. 50), To enable the Synod of the Diocese of *Toronto* to conduct inquiries upon oath, and find the Preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that legislation in the premises is not desirable; the Committee recommend that the fees less the actual cost of printing be remitted on the Bill.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the following Bills:—Bill (No. 49), *St. Paul's Church, Newmarket*; Bill (No. 46), *London Real Estate Association*, and Bill (No. 5), *Diocese of Toronto*; also, such of the fees as exceed sixty dollars on Bill (No. 92), *Township of Adelaide*.

The following Bills were severally introduced, and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 105), intituled “An Act to amend the law for the protection of Game and Fur-bearing Animals.”—*Mr. Mostyn*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 106), intituled “An Act to amend the Act for the protection of Insectivorous and other Birds beneficial to Agriculture.”—*Mr. Mostyn*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed:—

Bill (No. 23), Respecting the *North Simcoe Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 8), Respecting the *Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 12), Respecting *St. John's Church, Iroquois*.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting By-law No. 240 of the Town of *Windsor*.

Bill (No. 47), To legalize a By-law of the County of *Simcoe*.

Bill (No. 4), To amend the Water Works Act of the City of *Ottawa*.

Bill (No. 31), To incorporate the *Standard Fire Insurance Company*.

Bill (No. 64), To legalize a By-law and certain Debentures of the City of *Toronto*.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the *Leamington, Comber and Lake St. Clair Railway Company*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 3), To incorporate the *William Hall, Peterborough*, Protestant Poor Trust.

Bill (No. 62), Respecting the *Huron and Quebec Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 33), To incorporate the *Ontario Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada*.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 42), Respecting the *Credit Valley Railway Company* ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 40), To incorporate *Trinity Medical School* ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Notice having been taken that there was not a quorum, the Members present were counted, and the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker at 7.55 P.M.

Tuesday, 6th February, 1877.

3 o'clock, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. *Coutts*—The Petition of the *Canada Company* ; also, two Petitions of the School Board of *Dover East* ; also, the Petition of School Board of *Tilbury East* ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of *Chatham*.

By Mr. *McCrancey*—The Petition of *R. A. Tompkins* and others, of *Blenheim* ; also, the Petition of *N. H. Stevens* and others, of *Harwich*.

By Mr. *Scott*—The Petition of *Nical Kingsmill* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. C. Campbell* and others ; also, the Petition of *Samuel Stern* and others, all of *Toronto*.

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 34), for the incorporation of the Conference of the Christian Church in *Ontario*.

Bill (No. 3), To incorporate the *William Hall, Peterborough*, Protestant Poor Trust.

Bill (No. 62), Respecting the *Huron and Quebec Railway Company*.

The Order of the day for the third reading of Bill (No. 43), To incorporate the *Niagara and St. Catharines Railroad and Steamboat Company*, having been read,

The Honourable Mr. *McDougall*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Lauder*,

That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee, and, after some time spent

therein, Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*) reported that the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

The Amendments having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

The Order of the day for the consideration of Amendments made in Committee on Bill (No. 68), To Amend and Repeal certain Enactments of the last Session of the Legislature of this Province, having been read,

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Pardee*,

That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

The Amendments, having been read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 97), Respecting Mortgages and Sales of Personal Property.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 101), Respecting the Free Grant and Homestead Act of 1868.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 102), Respecting the County Court, General Sessions of the Peace, and Surrogate Court of the County of *York*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 104,) Respecting Constables.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 93), To amend the several Acts respecting the Education Department, Public and High Schools and the University of *Toronto*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Second Annual Report of the *Ontario* School of Agriculture and Experimental Farm, for the year ending 31st October, 1876. (*Sessional Papers No. 12.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.30 P.M.

Wednesday, 7th February, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. Speaker presented to the House :—

Annual Return of the *Ontario* Mutual Life Assurance Company, for the year ending January 20th, 1877. (*Sessional Papers, No. 34.*)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. *McGowan*—The Petition of *Robert Morrison* and others, of *Arthur*.

By Mr. *Boulter*—The Petition of the Township Council of *Stirling*.

By Mr. *Massie*—The Petition of the Town Council of *Guelph*.

By Mr. *Meredith*—The Petition of the Honourable *John Carling* and others, of *London*.

By Mr. *McCraney*—The Petition of the Township Council of *Zone*.

By Mr. *Kean*—The Petition of *James Quinn*, of *Orillia*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of *John Fiskin*, and others; also, of *Neil C. Love* and others, all of *Toronto*; severally praying for certain amendments to the Bill now before the House to incorporate the People's Gas Company.

Of *William B. Bennett*, of *Orillia*, praying that the Bill now before the House to extend the limits of the Town of *Orillia*, may not pass.

Of the County Council of *Simcoe*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of *D. Sutherland* and others; also, of *Nelson Gorham* and others, of *Newmarket*; also, of *Joseph Fleury* and others, of *Aurora*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act.

Of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 239; also, of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 580; also, of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 524; also, of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 829; also, of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 676; also, of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 553; also, of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 359, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East and West*.

Of *William Budenach*, and others; also, the Petition of *Augustus Webber*, and others; also, the Petition of *James Bonnett*, and others; also, the Petition of *F. C. Dixon*, and others; also, the Petition of *Andrew Graham*, and others; also, the Petition of *William Jones*, and others; also, the Petition of *T. Eaton*, and others; also, the Petition of *T. A. Lockington*, and others; also, the Petition of *J. McCausland*, and others; also, the Petition of *Alexander Anderson*, and others; also, the Petition of *George Hastings*, and others; also, the Petition of *Thomas Scully*, and others; also, the Petition of *Francis Goodwin*, and others; also, the Petition of *James Good*, and others; also, the Petition of *E. W. Elmslie*, and others; also, the Petition of *Robert J. Fleming*, and others; also, the Petition of *A. B. Englehart*, and others; also, of *Sutherland Brothers*; also, the Petition of *H. D. P. Armstrong*, and others; also, the Petition of *J. G. Sinclair*, and others; also, the Petition of *S. A. Vaux*, and others; also, the Petition of *W. J. McDonnell*, and others; also, the Petition of *C. P. Reid*, and others; also, the Petition of *M. B. Young*, and others; also, the Petition of *John Lamb*, and others; also, the Petition of *Charles Price*, and others; also, the Petition of *Thomas Foster*, and others; also, of *John Zimmerman*, and others; also, the Petition of *Thomas Hodgins*, and others; also, the Petition of *Walter Butler*, and others; also, the Petition of *H. K. Dunn*, and others; also, the Petition of *William Munro*, and others; also, the Petition of *John Stanley*, and others; also, the Petition of *George J. Hunter*, and others; also, the Petition of *C. Mitchell*, and others; also, the Petition of *Arthur W. Godson*, and others; also, the Petition of *James Spence*, and others; also, the Petition of *E. A. Medcalf*, and others; also, the Petition of *John Morphy*, and others; also, the Petition of *M. A. Harper*, and others; also, the Petition of *John Foster*, and others; also, the Petition of *George Charter*, and others; also, the Petition of *J. H. Boyle*, and others; also, the Petition of *James Cowan*, and others; also, the Petition of *John Harrison*, and others; also, the Petition of *W. H. Bell*, and others; also, the Petition of *J. Ashton*, and others; also, the Petition of *R. Woods*, and others; also, the Petition of *William Walker*, and others; also, the Petition of *William Patterson*, and others; also, of *C. More*, and others; also, the Petition of *M. Healey*, and others; also, the Petition of *J. K. Vernon*, and others; also, the Petition of *William Atkinson*, and others; also, the Petition of *Thomas Hart*, and others; also, the Petition of *Thomas H. Dick*, and others; also, the Petition of *Samuel Hazlitt*, and others; also, the Petition of *John Campbell*, and others; also, the Petition of *Edward Robinson*, and others; also, the Petition of *M. Pearson*, and others; also, of *Samuel Brudie*, and others; also, the Petition of *R. S. Williams*, and others; also, the Petition of *F. Rimer*,

and others ; also, the Petition of *Robert Armstrong*, and others ; also, the Petition of *W. M. McPherson*, and others ; also, the Petition of *James Ferguson*, and others ; also, the Petition of *George Seafield*, and others ; also, the Petition of *S. Clark*, and others ; also, the Petition of *William Staunton*, and others ; also, the Petition of *George Brown*, and others ; also, of *J. Wright*, and others ; also the Petition of *W. Owens*, and others ; also, the Petition of *William Buillie*, and others ; also, the Petition of *Henry S. Boulton*, and others ; also, the Petition of *William Holmes*, and others ; also, the Petition of *John Graham*, and others ; also, the Petition of *R. F. Walton*, and others ; also, the Petition of *J. A. Donaldson*, and others ; also, the Petition of *N. Foy*, and others ; also, the Petition of *J. Read*, and others ; also, the Petition of *John Kerr*, and others ; also, the Petition of *J. M. Ewing*, and others ; also, the Petition of *G. A. Powell*, and others ; also, the Petition of *Daniel Kidd*, and others ; also, the Petition of *James Lumbers* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. A. Riddell* and others ; also, the Petition of *George Flint* and others ; also, the Petition of *George Clarkson* and others ; also, the Petition of *Charles Lee* and others ; also, the Petition of *Edgar L. Lawrence* and others ; also, the Petition of *C. Martin* and others ; also, the Petition of *Joseph Johnston*, and others ; also, the Petition of *B. Manning* and others ; also, the Petition of *John R. Robb* and others ; also, the Petition of *James Carruthers* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. Mellander* and others ; also, the Petition of *R. Wilkinson* and others ; also, the Petition of *F. W. Scott* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Murphy* and others ; also, the Petition of *Thomas Spence* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. S. Finch* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. E. Southgate* and others ; also, the Petition of *T. Gordon* and others ; also, the Petition of *E. W. Harris* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Jeffs* and others ; also, the Petition of *James Allan* and others ; also, the Petition of *Charles Dixon* and others ; also, the Petition of *John S. King* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. C. McMillan* and others ; also, the Petition of *John R. Wood* and others ; also, the Petition of *McGaw* and *Winnett* and others ; also, the Petition of *Lugh Macdonald* and others ; also, the Petition of *George P. Shears* and others ; also, the Petition of *David Walker* and others ; also, the Petition of *D. Black* and others ; also, the Petition of *James Farley* and others ; also, the Petition of *Joseph Alderson* and others ; also, the Petition of *Henry McCulloch* and others ; also, the Petition of *George Cowie* and others ; also, the Petition of *E. P. Foster* and others : also, the Petition of *Charles Yates* and others ; also, the Petition of *Thomas E. Gould* and others ; also, the Petition of *Charles A. Scadding* and others ; also, the Petition of *John McConkey* and others ; also, the Petition of *J. Ryan* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. McVean* and others ; also, the Petition of *Robert Johnson* and others ; also, the Petition of *Thomas Bennett* and others ; also, the Petition of *S. E. Briggs* and others ; also, the Petition of *W. Metcalf* and others ; also, the Petition of *John Harrison* ; also, the Petition of *Charles Adams* and others ; also, the Petition of *D. Haddon* and others, all of *Toronto*, severally praying that the Bill to incorporate the People's Gas Company, with all the powers now enjoyed by the Consumers' Gas Company, may pass.

Mr. *Springer*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 94), To amend the Assessment Act of 1869; also Bill (No. 88), To amend the Assessment Act of 1869, presented their Report which was read as follows :—

The Committee have examined the Bills to them referred, and report the same without amendment.

Mr. *Dawson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lyon*,

That there be laid before this House, a Return of all expenditure by the Government of *Ontario*, on Colonization Roads, or other improvements in the *Grand Manitoulin Islands*, during, and since 1868.

The Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the *Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 55), Respecting the *Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company.*

Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Village of *Port Elgin.*

Bill (No. 66), Respecting the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company.*

Bill (No. 26), To legalize a Survey in the Township of *Matilda.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the *Leamington, Comber, and Lake St. Clair Railway Company* ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 40), To incorporate *Trinity Medical School* ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 9), Respecting *St. Paul's Church, Toronto.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 13), To authorise the Synod of the Diocese of *Huron* to sell certain lands in the Township of *Warwick.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the *Bothwell (C. W.) Land and Petroleum Company, Limited.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 92), To empower the Township of *Adelaide* to convey certain lands.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the *Toronto Street Railway Company.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the *St. Catharines Street Railway Company.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 30), To incorporate *Alma College at St. Thomas.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Municipality of *Shuniah.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 76), To incorporate the *Industrial Exhibition Company.*

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the City of *Toronto*, the *Toronto Water Works*, and other matters.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 49), Respecting *St. Paul's Church at Newmarket.*
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 57) To enable the Corporation of *Cobourg* to aid certain manufacturing establishments.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Merrick moved, seconded by Mr. Deacon,

That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be referred back to said Committee with instructions to declare the preamble proven of the Bill to Incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario West* and the Loyal Orange Association of *Ontario East*.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby,</i>	<i>Code,</i>	<i>McDougall (Middle-Mostyn,</i>
<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Creighton,</i>	<i>sex.) Preston,</i>
<i>Barr,</i>	<i>Deacon,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe) Richardson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>McGowan, Robinson,</i>
<i>Bethune,</i>	<i>Grange,</i>	<i>McRae, Rosevear,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Hargraft,</i>	<i>Meredith, Scott,</i>
<i>Broder,</i>	<i>Kean,</i>	<i>Merrick, Tooley,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Lauder,</i>	<i>Miller, Wigle,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>		<i>Monk, Wills.—34.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Ballantyne,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>Lyon, Ross,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>McCraney, Sexton,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>McMahon, Sinclair,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>Massie, Snetsinger,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Mowat, Springer,</i>
<i>Clarke (Norfolk),</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>O'Donoghue, Striker,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>O'Sullivan, Watterworth,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>Pardee, Widdifield,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Patterson (Essex), Williams,</i>
<i>Currie,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Patterson (York) Wilson,</i>
<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Paxton, Wood—44.</i>

The House then adjourned at 12 midnight.

Thursday, 8th February, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. Pardee—The Petition of the County Council of *Lambton*.
By Mr. Hay—The Petition of the Township Council of *Elma*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of *Nicol Kingsmill*, and others; also, of *W. C. Campbell*, and others; also, of *Samuel Stern*, and others; all of *Toronto*; severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the People's Gas Company, with all the powers now enjoyed by the Consumers' Gas Company.

Of the Town Council of *Chatham*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of the *Canada Company*, praying for certain amendments to the Drainage Act.

Of the Trustees of School Sections Nos. 5 and 7, *Dover East*; also, of the Trustees of School Section No. 1, *Tillbury East*, severally praying for certain amendments to the Education Bill now before the House.

The following Bills were severally introduced, and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 107) intituled, "An Act respecting the Drainage of certain lands by Municipalities, and to amend the Act respecting Municipal Institutions."—Mr. *Coutts*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 108), intituled "An Act to make the Provisions of an Act respecting the property of Religious Institutions of the Province of *Ontario*, applicable to the Church of *England*."—Mr. *Hay*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 109), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Institutions Act."—Mr. *Ferris*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 110), intituled "An Act respecting the Administration of Estates of Intestates dying without known relatives in *Ontario*."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 111), intituled "An Act to provide for certain Amendments and Additions to the Statutes of the Province, as Consolidated by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 112), intituled "An Act to provide for certain amendments to the Law."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Return to an Address to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he would cause to be laid before the House, copies of the Correspondence between the Government of the *Dominion* and the Government of *Ontario* relating to the transfer of the River *Trent* Works to this Province by the *Dominion* Government. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 35.)

Also:—Papers bearing on the purchase by the *Ontario* Government of the *Rockwood Asylum*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 36.)

The Honourable Mr. *Pardoe* moved, seconded by the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

That this House doth ratify the Order in Council reducing the special rate of dues imposed by Order in Council of 4th October, 1871, on Pine Timber, taken from certain lands in the *Muskoka* and *Parry Sound* Districts, which Order is to the following effect, viz.:—Upon consideration of the Report of the Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands, dated the 18th October, 1876, the Committee of Council advise that, subject to the ratification of this Order by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, in default whereof it shall be inoperative, the rate of dues imposed under the Order in Council of 4th of October, 1871, on Pine Timber taken from lands sold as Timber Berths on 23rd November,

1871, or from lands the loctees or purchasers of which were allowed by said Order in Council to sell the pine on the lands sold or located to them, be reduced to the same rate as is charged on pine cut under license in other parts of the Province, such reduction to apply only to Pine Timber cut on the lands referred to since the 1st May, 1876, and in future till otherwise ordered.

And the Motion, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Ballantyne,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>Long,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Snetsinger,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>Monk,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hay,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Currie,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Wigle,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Deacon,</i>	<i>Kean,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	<i>Wood—49.</i>
<i>Deroche,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Barr,</i>	<i>Oreighton,</i>	<i>McGowan,</i>	<i>Preston,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>Meredith,</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Broder,</i>	<i>Lauder,</i>	<i>Merrick,</i>	<i>Rosevear,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>McDougall (Mid-</i>	<i>Mostyn,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Code,</i>	<i>dlesex),</i>	<i>O'Sullivan,</i>	<i>Tooley,</i>
<i>Coutts,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe),</i>	<i>Patterson (Essex),</i>	<i>Wilson—23.</i>

The Honourable Mr. *Crooks* moved, seconded by the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*,

That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution relative to the School of Practical Science.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor, acquainted the House that the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends the same to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following Resolution :—

That this House doth approve of the Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, dated the third day of February, 1877, respecting the School of Practical Science, which Order and the accompanying memorandum therein referred to, are as follows :—

The Committee of Council have had under consideration the annexed memorandum of the Honourable the Minister of Education, respecting the School of Practical Science, dated the 30th day of January, 1877, in which, under the circumstances therein mentioned, he recommends that, with the approval of the Legislative Assembly, your Honour will be pleased to sanction the sale of the property acquired by the School of Practical Science, to the *Toronto Mechanics' Institute*, for the purposes of the Institute, for the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars, in cash, and that out of the proceeds the sum of twenty thousand dollars be applied in building a physical laboratory near the

University, and that the residue, being the sum of eight thousand dollars, be applied for the purchase of the necessary apparatus, and that the annual appropriation of the Legislature for the maintenance of the School of Practical Science, (not exceeding \$5,600,) be applied towards the salaries of the proposed instructors in engineering, the assistant in chemistry, the attendant in mineralogy, and for incidental expenses.

The Committee beg to advise that the said recommendation be approved of by Your Honour, and that the further recommendations and suggestions contained in the memorandum aforesaid, for the conduct of the said School of Practical Science, be also approved of by Your Honour.

Certified,

J. G. SCOTT,
Clerk Executive Council, *Ontario.*

5th February, 1877.

MEMORANDUM.

Respecting the School of Practical Science.

The objects sought by the establishment of this School were : (1) To encourage the more practical study of the physical sciences ; (2) To afford professional training to such as desired to become engineers (civil, mining or mechanical), after a regular course of instruction ; (3) To improve the knowledge of artizans, by evening classes, and (4) To diffuse physical and scientific information generally, through popular lectures. The Act 36 *Vic.* cap 30, A.D. 1873, was passed to more clearly define these objects and regulate the School.

The Mechanics' Institute Building, purchased by the former Government, had been repaired and altered, with the view of making it suitable for this purpose. The undersigned, in his Report of the 16th June, 1873, to the Lieutenant-Governor, represented that the attempt to establish the School in the then building, with its deficiencies, unsuitable location, and imperfect appliances, would not only result in present failure, but operate prejudicially on the School, if established under proper and satisfactory conditions. The undersigned therefore recommended that the present building and lands should be offered for sale, and the School established as soon as possible in a building specially adapted for its work, on a site in close proximity to the Provincial University.

The undersigned had the opportunity, in July, 1873, of examining the working of the Royal College of Practical Science in *Dublin*, as well as the Schools of Science and Art at *Kensington*, and the Museum of Practical Geology, in *Jermyn Street, London*. He was confirmed in his opinion that in Technical Schools there is generally a departure towards subjects of general instruction, and that the establishment and maintenance of any School of this nature entails a large expenditure of money.

It was accordingly considered desirable not to proceed with the project of erecting a new building, but to continue the school in its then temporary state, until a definite conclusion could be arrived at.

The subject was referred to *James Loudon*, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in University College, and Lecturer on Natural Philosophy in the School. In his Report of the 17th December, 1875, to the Honourable the Provincial Secretary (*See Sessional Papers*, 1876, Vol. VIII., No. 27), Mr. *Loudon*, after reviewing the whole question, expresses his conclusions thus :—

"To meet the educational requirements of the country at large it was proposed,
" 1st.—To supply instruction in the various branches of Engineering, and in Chemistry as applied to the Arts and Manufactures : and,

" 2nd.—To encourage a more practical study of the Physical Sciences.

" These two subjects constitute the main features of the scheme, and are, it may be remarked, perfectly definite and entirely distinct from one another. Under the first head

comes the wide subject of Engineering, embracing the sub-divisions of Civil, Mechanical, and Mining Engineering. With regard to these and all other professional subjects, I hold that where the demand is sufficiently large for such training, it is best to provide a Separate School, independent, that is to say, of the control of an Art faculty. The functions of such a School, at the beginning of last year, were described by me in a communication to the press, in which I took occasion to point out that there ought to be at least, five Professors on the staff of such an Institution. These would be required to give instruction in such subjects as Drawing, Mathematics, applied Mechanics, Surveying, Assaying, Metallurgy, Civil Engineering &c. The question of the existing need for such an independent School I have never discussed; but I think that, before undertaking such a burden as its support would involve, the country should be clearly informed that the immediate outlay required for mere outfit would be very large, whilst the cost of maintenance would be at least \$15,000 per annum. Such an expenditure ought not to be incurred unless the demand for trained Engineers is very large indeed. It must, moreover, not be forgotten that the above outlay would be incurred solely for the teaching of Engineering and applied Chemistry, whilst the still more important object—the promotion of the practical study of the Physical Sciences—would remain to be provided for. Such provision ought certainly to be made in connection with the University of *Toronto*, where, by a moderate outlay for necessary additions, the country could be placed in possession of a good physical laboratory in which students could receive that practical instruction which makes the teaching of Science really effective. Until such additions are made, and the Library and Museums placed on a proper footing, the Physical Sciences will not have received the encouragement which the times require."

Mr. *Loudon* proceeds to offer the following practical suggestions :

1st. To appoint a Professor of Civil Engineering in University College, who should give the necessary instruction in Drawing, Surveying, applied Mechanics, and Civil and Mechanical Engineering.

2nd. The present Professor of Mineralogy and Geology with an assistant and a small laboratory could supply, besides general instruction, the requisite practical training in subjects of Mining Engineering, such as Assaying and Metallurgy.

3rd. The present Professor of Chemistry, if furnished with a skilled assistant and additional accommodation and apparatus, could meet the demand for instruction in qualitative and quantitative analysis, in the Department of Chemistry.

Sufficient accommodation for the purposes does not exist in University College, and the sum annually appropriated out of the Income Fund of the University endowment is required for the maintenance of the present staff of Professors and Lecturers. Mr. *Loudon* in his report proposes that a less sum (\$5.200) than that now annually appropriated by the Legislature for the maintenance of the School, (5,800) should be applied for carrying his suggestions into effect. While the amount required for additional laboratory and further accommodation and apparatus would be much less than the amount to be realized from any sale of the present Mechanics' Institute Building.

With reference to the other objects of the proposed School, viz : the education of Artizans, and popular Lecturers on Science, Mr. *Loudon* expresses these views :

Many persons fail to distinguish between the scientific training of an Arts or Engineering Student, on the one hand, and the education of the Artizan classes, and the teaching of popular Science on the other. The latter constitute entirely different questions, whose solution depend in no way upon that of the former. Where there is a large Artizan class, I am free to admit that it is well to furnish those whose early education has been neglected, with facilities for improving themselves. Such classes, however, form no necessary adjunct to a School of Science, although they may be carried on in conjunction therewith. Under any circumstances, the Mechanics' Institute is the proper place for such instruction to be given. With regard to the question of popular Science Lectures on the other hand, Legislation can do almost nothing. It is only in a very large community that we may expect to find a sufficient number of individuals to take a permanent interest in such subjects; and even those appreciative audiences are more easily obtained than successful Lecturers. I entertain the hope that something will be done ere long, towards establishing, in a small way, a few short courses of such lectures in connection with the Canadian Institute. Established, as that Institution is, for the promotion of original

research in Science, it is, I conceive, at the same time the proper place to which we should look for the best popular Lecturers that the country can produce. Whilst, however, the *Canadian* Institute is worthy of every encouragement the Government can bestow, so far as the promotion of original research and the publication of its Journal are concerned, I consider that any scheme for establishing such lectures there, should be supported by the citizens of *Toronto*, and not by the Province at large.

The undersigned is satisfied that there is no such demand in this Province for a distinct and separate Professional School for the training of Engineers, as would justify the large expenditure both in capital account and for annual maintenance, which would be required; and he agrees that the study of the physical sciences would be much promoted by the proposed plan of utilizing the Professors (1) of Chemistry, (2) of Natural Philosophy, (3) of Geology and Mineralogy, and (4) of Natural History and Botany in University College.

The services of these Professors can be obtained without expense; and it will only be necessary to pay for a skilled assistant to the Professor of Chemistry, and an ordinary attendant for the Professor of Mineralogy.

The subjects taught by the Professors of these four Departments include so much of the range of Physical Science, that, with the proper apparatus, a physical laboratory and appliances, the means of obtaining a complete theoretical and practical training would be secured for these pursuits in which physical science is the ground work, and with the addition of an Instructor in Engineering, the original objects of the School would be preserved, and carried into full effect. The training which would be thus afforded is intended to be available both to the University student pursuing his regular course, and to all others who may desire instruction in these special branches of knowledge.

Since it was understood that the position of the School in this building was temporary, the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute have expressed a desire to purchase back their property, and have offered the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars, in cash, for the same. Considering the different estimates of the present saleable value of this property, and the objects for which the Mechanics' Institute desire to regain the full possession thereof, the undersigned deems it in the public interest, that this offer should be accepted. Having regard, therefore, to the foregoing circumstances, the undersigned would respectfully recommend that His Honour in Council, with the approval of the Legislative Assembly, may be pleased to sanction the sale of the property acquired for the School of Practical Science to the *Toronto* Mechanics' Institute, at the price mentioned, of twenty-eight thousand dollars in cash, to be held for the purposes of the Institute, and that out of the proceeds the sum of twenty thousand dollars be applied in building a Physical Laboratory near the University; and that the residue, being the sum of eight thousand dollars, be applied for the purchase of the necessary apparatus; and that the annual appropriation of the Legislature for the maintenance of the School of Practical Science (not exceeding \$5,600) be applied towards the salaries of the proposed Instructor in Engineering, the Assistant in Chemistry, the attendant in Mineralogy, and for incidental expenses.

Education Department,
Toronto, Ontario, 30th Jan., 1877.

ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Pardie*,

Ordered. That on Friday next, and at each future Sitting of this House, for the present Session, Government Orders shall have precedence, except that Private Bills shall have precedence on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed:—

Bill (No. 63), Respecting the Presbyterian Church at *Orillia*.

Bill (No. 68), To Amend and Repeal certain Enactments of the last Session of the Legislature of this Province.

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the *Port Dover and Lake Huron* Railway Company.

Bill (No. 66), Respecting the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company*.
 Bill (No. 26), To legalize a Survey in the Township of *Matilda*.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 97), Respecting Mortgages and Sales of Personal Property ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 101), Respecting the Free Grants and Homestead Act of 1868 ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 102), Respecting the County Court, General Sessions of the Peace, and Surrogate Court of the County of *York* ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)* reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In the Committee.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1877, the following sums :—

12. To defray the expenses of Legislation as follows :—

Mr. Speaker.....	\$1,500 00
Clerk of the House.....	1,800 00
Clerk Assistant.....	1,000 00
Law Clerk.....	1,000 00
Clerk.....	600 00
Librarian.....	1,200 00
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.....	600 00
Accountant of the House, and Stationery Clerk.....	400 00
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	600 00
Housekeeper and Chief Messenger.....	600 00
Three Messengers.....	1,350 00
Fireman.....	400 00
Night Watchman.....	450 00
Sessional Writers, Messengers and Pages,.....	5,000 00
Postages, and cost of House Post Office.....	4,000 00
Stationery, including Printing Paper, Printing and Binding,	20,000 00
Printing Bills and Distributing Statutes.....	3,000 00
Increase of Library.....	2,800 00
Indemnity to Members, including Mileage.....	72,600 00
Subscription to Newspapers and Periodicals.....	1,000 00
Repairs and Furniture.....	2,000 00
Fuel.....	1,500 00
Gas and other lighting.....	1,700 00
Water.....	450 00
Contingencies.....	200 00
Total.....	\$ 125,750 00

And the House having continued to sit in Committee until twelve of the clock, midnight.

FRIDAY, 9th February, 1877.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution ; and, That the Committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of Supply To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 1.45 A.M.

Friday, 9th February, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Sinclair—The Petition of the County Council of *Bruce*.

By Mr. Kean—The Petition of the Council of the United Townships of *Orillia* and *Matchedash*.

By Mr. Broder—The Petition of the School Board of *Iroquois*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read :—

Of the Honourable *John Curling* and others, of *London*, praying for certain amendments to the Spirit license Act.

Of *John Quinn*, of *Orillia*, praying that the Bill now before the House to extend the limits of the Town of *Orillia* may not pass.

Of the Town Council of *Guelph*, praying for certain amendments to the Bill now before the House to incorporate the *Guelph Street Railway Company*.

Of the Township Council of *Zone*, praying for certain amendments to the Drainage Act.

Of the Village Council of *Stirling*, respecting the High School at *Stirling*.

Of *Robert A. Morrison* and others, of *Arthur*, praying that the Bill now before the House to authorize the Synod of the Diocese of *Niagara* to sell certain lands in *Arthur* may not pass.

Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), from the Select Standing Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Public Accounts, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee have made a full examination of the Public Accounts for 1875, in so far as they relate to Legislation and Colonization Roads, and herewith submit the evidence taken before them, and a copy of the record and minutes of their proceedings to the present date, and of documents placed before them during their investigations. (*Appendix No. 1.*)

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Special Report on the operations of the Depository Branch of the Education Department, *Ontario*, from 1850 to 1875 inclusive. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 23.)

Also :—In obedience to an Order of the House :—Copies of all correspondence in the possession of the Government relative to appointments to the Magistracy in the North Riding of *Essex*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 37.)

Also :—Further correspondence respecting claims made to Reward offered for the apprehension of the murderers of *Thomas Scott*. (*Sessional Papers*, No 38.)

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable *Mr. Pardee*,

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Canadian Literary Institute at *Woodstock*, the same being in connection with a religious institution.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the *Leamington, Comber, and Lake St. Clair Railway Company*, having been read,

On motion of *Mr. Wigle*, seconded by *Mr. Sinclair*,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 21), Respecting the Village of *Port Elgin*, having been read,

On motion of *Mr. Sinclair*, seconded by *Mr. Wigle*,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bill was read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 97), Respecting Mortgages and Sales of Personal Property.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 101), Respecting the Free Grants and Homestead Act of 1868 ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 104), Respecting Constables; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

In the Committee.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1877, the following sums :—

26. To defray the expense of the Training of Public School Teachers, as follow :—

Travelling expenses of Students at Normal Schools, <i>Toronto</i> and <i>Ottawa</i>	\$4,000 00
Towards maintenance.....	3,200 00
Towards Public Schools selected as County Model Schools..	2,250 00
County Teachers' Institutes and Associations (re-vote).....	2,500 00
Printing, stationery and travelling expenses (re-vote)	300 00
Total.....	\$12,250 00

31. To defray the expenses of providing Maps, Apparatus, Library and Prize Books

\$60,000 00

32. To defray the expense of the Educational Depository, as follow :—

SALARIES :

Clerk of Libraries	\$1,400 00
Cashier.....	900 00
Despatch clerk	500 00
Clerk of sales.....	400 00
Clerk of stores.....	400 00
Clerk of stock	400 00
Clerk of invoices.....	300 00
Copying clerk	240 00
Junior assistant clerk	200 00
Furnaceman and messenger.....	365 00

EXPENSES :

Postages	500 00
Stationery	500 00
Fuel, water and light.....	650 00
Printing forms and circulars.....	450 00
Printing catalogues.....	350 00
Packing paper, twine, nails, &c.....	350 00
Shelving, fixtures and painting	300 00
Furnishings and incidentals	300 00
Expenses of purchases, &c., in <i>England</i> and <i>United States</i> ...	700 00
Total.....	\$9,205 00

45. To defray the expenses of the School of Practical Science, as follow :—

SALARIES :

Instructor in Engineering	\$1,200 00
Instructor in Chemistry.....	1,200 00
Instructor in Drawing.....	800 00
Assistant in Natural Philosophy.....	600 00

EXPENSES :

Apparatus and chemicals.....	\$200 00
Gas.....	300 00
Fuel.....	400 00
Water	290 00
Ordinary repairs and incidentals.....	100 00
Housekeeper	600 00
Total	\$5,690 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; and, That the Committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Resolved, That the House will again resolve itself into Committee of Supply on Monday next.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 42), Respecting the *Credit Valley Railway Company* ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 10), To amend the Acts relating to the *Whitby and Port Perry Extension Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 24), Relating to *St. Mark's Church, Niagara*.

Bill (No. 48), Relating to the *Hamilton and North-Western Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 52), To incorporate the *Guelph Street Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 9), Respecting *St. Paul's Church, Toronto*.

Bill (No. 13), To authorize the Synod of the Diocese of Huron to sell certain lands in the Township of *Warwick*.

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the *Bothwell (C. W.) Land and Petroleum Company (Limited)*.

Bill (No. 92), To empower the Township of *Adelaide* to convey certain lands.

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie*.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the *St. Catharines Street Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Municipality of *Shuniah*.

Bill (No. 49), Respecting *St. Paul's Church at Newmarket*.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the several Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 83), To amend the Act respecting the sale of Fermented or Spirituous Liquors ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 12 o'clock midnight.

Monday, 12th February, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Bell—The Petition of *A. Yokolans* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*)—The Petition of *James Sommerville* and others, of *Erin*; also, the Petition of *John Stauffer* and others, of *East Garrafraexa*; also, the Petition of *Charles Hay* and others, of *Nichol*.

By Mr. Hay—The Petition of the Town Council of *Stratford*.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the County Council of *Lambton*, praying for certain amendments to the Drainage Act.

Of the Township Council of *Elma*, praying that an Act may pass to legalize a By-law granting aid to the *Stratford and Huron Railway*.

Of the County Council of *Bruce*; also, of the School Board of *Iroquois*, severally praying for certain amendments to the School Law.

Of the Township Council of the united Townships of *Orillia* and *Matchedash*, praying for certain amendments to the Bill extending the limits of the Town of *Orillia*.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 113), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the practice of Physic and Surgery, and the study of Anatomy."—Mr. *Baxter*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 114), intituled "An Act to amend Cap. 2, 38 *Vic.*, respecting the re-adjustment of the representation in the Legislative Assembly."—Mr. *Widdifield*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, in obedience to an Order of the House,—

Return, shewing in detail, all property come to the hands of the *Ontario Government*, or any officer thereof representing the Crown, belonging to the late *Andrew Mercer*, of *Toronto*, showing amount of personal estate, specifying of what the same consists; amount of real property, stating value and where situated; amount realized for the sale or transfer of said property; amounts in detail paid out for law costs or other expenses, showing to whom paid and on what authority; a statement showing where moneys and securities of said estate are now deposited, and in whose custody. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 7.)

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed :—

Bill No. 40), To incorporate *Trinity Medical School*

Bill (No. 55), Respecting the *Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company*.

Bill (No. 101), Respecting the Free Grants and Homestead Act of 1868.

Bill (No. 104), Respecting Constables.

Bill (No. 10), To amend the Acts relating to the *Whitby and Port Perry Extension Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 24), Relating to *St. Mark's Church, Niagara..*

Bill (No. 48), Relating to the *Hamilton and North-Western Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 52), To incorporate the *Guelph Street Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 9), Respecting *St. Paul's Church, Toronto*.

Bill (No. 13), To authorize the Synod of the Diocese of *Huron*, to sell certain lands in the Township of *Warwick*.

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the *Bothwell (C. W.) Land and Petroleum Company (Limited.)*

Bill (No. 92), To empower the Township of *Adelaide* to convey certain lands.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the *St. Catharines Street Railway Company*.

Bill (No. 49), Respecting *St. Paul's Church at Newmarket*.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 42), Respecting the *Credit Valley Railway Company*, having been read,

Mr. Bell moved, That that the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Massie moved in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Paxton*,

That all the words in the motion after "that" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—"the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same by adding at the end of the third clause thereof the following words: 'in which case it shall be in the discretion of the Council of the Municipality to submit a By-law to the vote of the qualified electors and except as herein provided.'"

And, objection having been taken, that the Amendment was irregular, for want of notice, Mr. Speaker, upon being appealed to, decided, That as no notice had been given he sustained the objection.

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 72), Respecting the Municipality of *Sault St. Marie*, having been read,

On motion of *Mr. Dawson*, seconded by *Mr. Clarke (Norfolk)*,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Municipality of *Shuniyah*, having been read,

On motion of *Mr. Dawson*, seconded by *Mr. Clarke (Norfolk)*,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of *Hamilton*.

Bill (No. 39), To incorporate the People's Gas Company.

Bill No. 29), To incorporate the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of *Toronto*.

Bill (No. 32), For the incorporation of the Town of *Belleville* as a City, and for the Consolidation of the Debt thereof.

Bill (No. 30), To incorporate *Alma College at St. Thomas*.

Bill (No. 76), To incorporate the Industrial Exhibition Company.

Bill (No. 56), Respecting the City of *Toronto*, the *Toronto Water Works*, and other matters.

Bill (No. 57), To enable the Corporation of *Cobourg* to aid certain manufacturing establishments.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 45), To enable the Synod of *Niagara* to sell certain lands in *Arthur*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 7), To extend and define the limits of the Town of *Orillia*.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Amendments made in Committee on Bill (No. 83), To amend the Act respecting the sale of Fermented or Spiritous Liquors, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 80), For the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 93), To amend the several Acts respecting the Education Department, Public and High Schools, and the University of *Toronto* ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.20 P.M.

Tuesday, 13th February, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), from the Committee on Printing, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed :

Minutes of all meetings of the Senate of the University of *Toronto*, held in 1874, 1875, and 1876, relating to the affiliation of Medical Schools with said University. (*Sessional Papers* No. 32.)

Correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of *Ontario*, relating to the transfer of the River *Trent* Works to *Ontario*. (*Sessional Papers* No. 35.)

Report on the *Ontario* School of Agriculture and Experimental Farm for 1876. (*Sessional Papers* No. 12.)

Further correspondence respecting claims to reward for apprehension of the murderers of *Thomas Scott* in *Manitoba*. (*Sessional Papers* No. 38.)

Reports and evidence regarding the internal management of the Central Prison. (*Sessional Papers* No. 40.)

Statement of all property belonging to the Endowment Fund of the University of *Toronto*, University College, and *Upper Canada* College ; also, the annual income and expenditure from 1867 to 1876 inclusive. (*Sessional Papers* No. 31.)

Papers relating to the purchase of the *Rockwood Asylum* by the *Ontario Government*. (*Sessional Papers No. 36.*)

Papers of all property come to the *Ontario Government*, belonging to the late *Andrew Mercer*, of *Toronto*. (*Sessional Papers No. 7.*)

The Committee recommend that the following documents be not Printed :—

Annual Return of the *Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company*. (*Sessional Papers No. 34.*)

Correspondence relating to the High School at *Fonthill*. (*Part of Sessional Papers No. 23.*)

Correspondence relating to Magistracy Appointments in the North Riding of *Essex*. (*Sessional Papers No. 37.*)

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Committee on Printing.

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 33), To incorporate the *Ontario Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada*.

Bill (No. 22), Respecting the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of *Hamilton*.

Bill (No. 76), To incorporate the Industrial Exhibition Company.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution relative to the School of Practical Science ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Baxter* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. *Baxter*, for the Committee, reported the Resolution, which was read as follows :

Resolved, That this House doth approve of the Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, dated the third day of February, 1877, respecting the School of Practical Science, which Order is as follows :—

The Committee of Council have had under consideration the annexed memorandum of the Honourable the Minister of Education, respecting the School of Practical Science, dated the 30th day of January, 1877, in which, under the circumstances therein mentioned, he recommends that, with the approval of the Legislative Assembly, Your Honour will be pleased to sanction the sale of the property acquired by the School of Practical Science, to the *Toronto Mechanics' Institute*, for the purposes of the Institute, for the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars, in cash, and that out of the proceeds the sum of twenty thousand dollars be applied in building a physical laboratory near the University, and that the residue, being the sum of eight thousand dollars, be applied for the purchase of the necessary apparatus, and that the annual appropriation of the Legislature for the maintenance of the School of Practical Science, (not exceeding \$5,600,) be applied towards the salaries of the proposed instructors in engineering, the assistant in chemistry, the attendant in mineralogy, and for incidental expenses.

The Committee beg to advise that the said recommendation be approved of by Your Honour, and that the further recommendations and suggestions contained in the memorandum aforesaid, for the conduct of the said School of Practical Science, be also approved of by Your Honour.

Certified,

J. G. SCOTT,
Clerk Executive Council, *Ontario*.

5th February, 1877.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No 103), To give the right of Voting to Farmers' Sons in certain cases.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 95), To amend the Act respecting Line Fences.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*) from the Committee of Supply, reported the following Resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred and twelve dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray expenses of Government House for year ending 31st December, 1877.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's office for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand five hundred and seventy dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Executive Council and Attorney-General's Office for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasurer's Office for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand one hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Secretary and Registrar's Office for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand and twenty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Works for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Inspection of Public Institutions for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-two thousand and sixty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Crown Lands Department for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand two hundred and ten dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray Miscellaneous expenses for the year ending 31st December, 1877, as follows :—Cost of Official Gazette, Four thousand two hundred dollars. Queen's Printer's salary, One thousand two hundred dollars. Clerk's salary in Queen's Printer's office Three hundred and sixty dollars. Inspector of Registry Offices' salary (including travelling expenses), Two thousand dollars. Inspector of Division Courts' salary, One thousand four hundred dollars. Travelling expenses of Inspector of Division Courts, Six hundred and fifty dollars. Expenses of Inspection of Offices of Deputy Clerks of the Crown, Deputy Masters, and Registrars in Chancery and County Courts, Three hundred dollars. Contingencies, including Stationery and Postage, One hundred dollars.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-five thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st of December, 1877.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand one hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Court of Chancery for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand five hundred and twenty dol-

lars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Court of Queen's Bench for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand three hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Court of Common Pleas for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand six hundred and ten dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Superior Judges and Court of Appeal for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Practice and other Courts for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-three thousand two hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Criminal Justice for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-seven thousand five hundred and sixty-seven dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Justice for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and forty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate Schools for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand six hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Inspection of Public and Separate Schools for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Schools in new and poor Townships for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-eight thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand two hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Inspection of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of County Examinations of Public School Teachers for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the training of Public School Teachers for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Superannuated High and Public School Teachers for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Educational Museum and Library for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand three hundred and sixty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Journal of Education for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Maps, Apparatus, Library and Prize books appertaining to education, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand two hundred and five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Education Depository for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Education Office for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Normal School at *Ottawa*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-seven thousand and forty eight dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at *Toronto*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-six thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at *London*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-two thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at *Rockwood, Kingston*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three thousand four hundred and seventy-four dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at *Hamilton*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand five hundred and eighteen dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane, *Orillia*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand one hundred and ninety dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Reformatory at *Penetanguishene*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-seven thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Central Prison at *Toronto*, for the year ending 31st December 1877.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-five thousand six hundred and eighty-three dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Institution of the Deaf and Dumb, *Belleville*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand nine hundred and ninety-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Institution for the Blind at *Brantford*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand three hundred and sixty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the School of Agriculture for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand six hundred and ninety dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the School of Practical Science for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-three thousand one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and forty two cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Agriculture and Arts, and Literary and Scientific Institutions for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-nine thousand six hundred and ten dollars and ninety cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-five thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1877, as follows:—To defray the expenses of collection of Revenue for Law Stamps and Licenses, Two thousand five hundred dollars. To defray the expenses in connection with Municipalities and other funds, Five hundred dollars. To defray the expenses attending the settlement of the Municipal Loan Fund Debt and Surplus Schemes, Six hundred dollars. To defray the expenses *re Ontario and Quebec Settlement*, Four thousand dollars. To defray the expenses *re Northern and Western Boundaries*, Four thousand dollars. To defray the expenses of Marriage Licenses, Four hundred dollars. To defray the expenses of Inspection of Railways, Five hundred dollars. To defray the expenses of a grant to the *Ontario Rifle Association*, Six hundred dollars. To defray the expenses of Insurance on Public Buildings and Furniture, Two thousand two hundred dollars. To defray the expenses of the Consolidation of the Statute Law,

Twelve thousand dollars. To defray the expenses of Elections, Two thousand dollars. To defray the expenses of Contested Elections, One thousand dollars. To cover gratuities to officers whose services may be dispensed with, Five thousand dollars. For repairs and care of *Brock's Monument*, Four hundred dollars.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray Unforseen and Unprovided Expenses for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven thousand and seventy-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses at the works at the Asylum for the Insane, *Toronto*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-eight thousand eight hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, *London*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and three thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Asylum, *Hamilton*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand seven hundred and thirty-two dollars and fourteen cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for Idiots at *Orillia*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Provincial Reformatory, *Penetanguishene*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Central Prison, *Toronto*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, *Belleville*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand and twenty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Blind Institute, *Brantford*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the School of Agriculture, *Guelph*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the School of Practical Science, *Toronto*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Normal School and Education Office, *Toronto*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Normal School, *Ottawa*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at *Osgoode Hall*, *Toronto*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at Government House, *Toronto*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Parliament and Departmental Buildings, *Toronto*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in the District of *Algoma*, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in the *Thunder Bay* District for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the works in the *Nipissing* District, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in the *Muskoka* District, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in the *Parry Sound* District, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at *Muskoka* River, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at *Wye* River, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works between *Mary's* and *Fairy* Lakes for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works on *Scugog* River for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works on *Balsam* River for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at *Gull* and *Burnt* Rivers, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Surveys, Inspections, Arbitrations and charges not otherwise provided for, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in maintenance of Locks, Dams and Swing Bridges, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Lock Masters' and Bridge Tenders' salaries, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-seven thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of construction and repairs of Colonization Roads, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-one thousand six hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Crown Land Expenditure, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and four thousand three hundred and nineteen dollars and twenty-seven cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Refund Account, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand two hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty-seven cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of certain services of the year 1875, as detailed in the Public Accounts for 1875.

The several Resolutions from the Committee of Supply having been read the second time,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Eleventh, Eighteenth, Thirty-fifth, Forty-first, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixty-fourth, and Eightieth Resolutions be postponed until To-morrow.

The remaining Resolutions were agreed to.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 115), intituled, “An Act for establishing a Superannuation and Benefit Fund for the Police in Cities.”—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 93), To amend the several Acts respecting the Education Department, Public and High Schools, and the University of *Toronto*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House by command of the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Correspondence and papers regarding moneys received by the late Judge *Wilson* as Real Representative for the County of *Norfolk*, and the disposition made of such moneys. (*Sessional Papers* No. 39.)

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 102), Respecting the County Court, General Sessions of the Peace, and Surrogate Court of the County of *York*, having been read,

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat* moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*,

That all the words in the motion after “That” be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—“the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to strike out the last clause, respecting the appointment of Short-hand Writers.”

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Baker</i> ,	<i>Code</i> ,	<i>Lauder</i> ,	<i>Patterson (Essex)</i> ,
<i>Barr</i> ,	<i>Coutts</i> ,	<i>Long</i>	<i>Preston</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Creighton</i> ,	<i>McDougall (Simcoe)</i> ,	<i>Richardson</i>
<i>Boulter</i> ,	<i>Deacon</i> ,	<i>McGowan</i> ,	<i>Rosevear</i> ,
<i>Broder</i> ,	<i>Flesher</i> ,	<i>McRae</i> ,	<i>Tooley</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Harkin</i> ,	<i>Merrick</i> ,	<i>Wigle</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Kean</i> ,	<i>Mostyn</i> ,	<i>Wills</i> .—28

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby</i> ,	<i>Clarke (Norfolk)</i> ,	<i>Ferris</i> ,	<i>Hardy</i> ,
<i>Ballantyne</i> ,	<i>Clarke (Wellington)</i> ,	<i>Finlayson</i> ,	<i>Hargraft</i> ,
<i>Baxter</i> ,	<i>Cole</i> ,	<i>Fraser</i> ,	<i>Hay</i> ,
<i>Bethune</i> ,	<i>Crooks</i> ,	<i>Gibson</i> ,	<i>Hodgins</i> ,
<i>Bishop</i> ,	<i>Currie</i> ,	<i>Graham</i> ,	<i>Hunter</i> ,
<i>Bonfield</i> ,	<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Grange</i> ,	<i>Lane</i> ,
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Deroche</i> ,	<i>Grant</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,

<i>McCraney</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Patterson (York),</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	<i>Snetsinger,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>	<i>Wood—46.</i>
<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>	

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 73), To amend the Act respecting Dentistry; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to Report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 94), To amend the Assessment Act of 1869; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to Report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.20 P.M.

Wednesday, 14th February, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Delino Dexter Calvin, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of *Frontenac*, having first taken the Oaths, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*—The Petition of the Agricultural Society of the North Riding of *Oxford*.

By the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*—The Petition of the County Council of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*—The Petition of *Henry Webster* and others, of *East Garafraxa*; also, the Petition of *Peter Gerrie* and others, of *West Garafraxa*.

By Mr. *McCraney*—The Petition of *Johnson Soper* and others, of *Kent*.

The following Petitions were severally received, and read:—

Of *A. Yokolans*, and others, praying for certain amendments to the Spirit License Act.

Of *John Stauffer*, and others, of *East Garafraxa*; also, of *Charles Hay*, and others, of *Nichol*; also, of *James Summerville*, and others, of *Erin*, respecting the *Credit Valley Railway Company*.

Of the Town Council of *Stratford*, praying for certain amendments to the Registry Act.

Mr. *Wills*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 81), To facilitate the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the manufacturing of Butter, Cheese, and other Dairy Products, presented their Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have considered the Bill to them referred, and report the same without amendment.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 116), intituled “An Act to amend an Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of *Ontario*.”—*Mr. Wills*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 30), To incorporate *Alma College*, at *St. Thomas*.

Bill (No. 73), To amend the Act respecting Dentistry.

Bill (No. 94), To amend the Assessment Act of 1869.

The House resolved itself into a Committee severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 44), To erect the Town of *Brantford* into a City, under the name of the City of *Brantford*.

Bill (No. 45), To enable the Synod of *Niagara* to sell certain lands in *Arthur*.

Bill (No. 7), To extend and define the limits of the Town of *Orillia*.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* moved, seconded by the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*,

That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions relative to the expenses of the Agriculture and Arts Act.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor, acquainted the House that the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommended the same to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Resolutions.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, from the Committee, reported the Resolutions which were read as follow :—

Resolved, That the *Ontario Society of Arts*, so long as the number of its *bona fide* members is not less than twenty-five, shall be entitled to receive from unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of this Province, a sum of not less than five hundred dollars in any one year.

Resolved, That the *Fruit Growers' Association*, so long as the number of its *bona fide* members is not less than fifty, and so long as it complies with the provisions of the Act, shall be entitled to receive from unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of the Province, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars in any one year, provided that the Secretary of the Association shall, on or before the first day of September in each year, transmit to the Commissioner of Agriculture an affidavit, which may be sworn to before any Justice of the Peace, stating the number of members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and the total amount of such subscriptions.

Resolved, That any Mechanics' Institute which shall, during four months in any year, have in operation classes in which instruction is given by competent teachers in Writing, English Grammar, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Mensuration, Freehand, Architectural and Mechanical Drawing, or any four of these subjects, shall be entitled to fifty dollars (additional to an annual grant of four hundred dollars) for each fifty pupils over and above two hundred.

Resolved, That the Entomological Society, so long as the number of its *bona fide* members is not less than fifty, shall be entitled to receive from unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of this Province, a sum not to exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars in any one year, on the like conditions as the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario.

Resolved, That each Dairyman's Association, so long as the number of its *bona fide* members is not less than one hundred, shall be entitled to receive from unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of this Province, a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars in any one year, on the like conditions as the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario.

The Resolutions, having been read the second time were agreed to; and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 80), For the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 80), For the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clark (Wellington) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 103), To give the right of voting to Farmer's Sons in certain cases; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clark (Wellington), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the recond time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 77), To extend the Voters' Lists Act to Municipal Elections.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 69), Respecting the Revised Statutes for Ontario.

Referred to a Select Committee composed as follows:—The Honourable Messieurs *Mowat, Cameron, Fraser, Wood, McBrayall, Currie*; and Messieurs *Bethune, Lander, Bourne, Clark (Noyoth), Thacon, Throop, Ferris, Wilson, Harley, Hodgins, Meredith, Merritt, Miller, Patterson, (Essex), Ross, Scott, Sinclair, and Wilson*.

Bill (No. 111), To provide for certain amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Province as Consolidated by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Referred to the same Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 69), Respecting the Revised Statutes for Ontario.

Bill (No. 112), To provide for certain amendments to the Law.

Referred to the same Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 69), Respecting the Revised Statutes for Ontario.

Bill (No. 110), Respecting the Administration of Estates of Intestates dying without known relatives in Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 19), Respecting the Stratford and Huron Railway; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Currie (Wellington), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House :—

Return, in obedience to an Order of the House, of all Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors in the Province during the years 1875 and 1876, such Return to shew the names and addresses of all persons so licensed, whether brewers, wholesale dealers, shop-keepers, tavern keepers, or saloon keepers, and distinguishing the nature of the License. (*Sessional Papers No. 42*).

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration, the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply, on Tuesday last, the consideration whereof had been postponed.

The Eleventh Resolution, respecting Miscellaneous Expenditure, having been again read,

Mr. *Merrick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Boulter*,

That the items for the salary of the Inspector of Division Courts, one thousand four hundred dollars, and for travelling expenses, six hundred and fifty dollars, be struck out.

The Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Baker</i> ,	<i>Creighton</i> ,	<i>McDougall (Middle-Patterson (Essex), sex)</i> ,	<i>Preston</i> ,
<i>Barr</i> ,	<i>Currie</i> ,	<i>Macdougall (Simcoe) Richardson</i> ,	
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Deacon</i> ,	<i>McGowan</i> ,	<i>Rosevear</i> ,
<i>Boulter</i> ,	<i>Deroche</i> ,	<i>McRae</i> ,	<i>Scott</i> ,
<i>Broder</i> ,	<i>Grange</i> ,	<i>Merrick</i> ,	<i>Tooley</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Harkin</i> ,	<i>Monk</i> ,	<i>Wigle</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Kean</i> ,	<i>Mostyn</i> ,	<i>Wills—34</i> .
<i>Code</i> ,	<i>Lauder</i> ,	<i>O'Sullivan</i> ,	
<i>Coutts</i> ,	<i>Long</i> ,		

NAYS.

Messieurs.

<i>Appleby</i> ,	<i>Finlayson</i> ,	<i>Lane</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> ,
<i>Ballantyne</i> ,	<i>Flesher</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>Sexton</i> ,
<i>Baxter</i> ,	<i>Fraser</i> ,	<i>McCraney</i> ,	<i>Sinclair</i> ,
<i>Bishop</i> ,	<i>Gibson</i> ,	<i>McMahon</i> ,	<i>Snetsinger</i> ,
<i>Bonfield</i> ,	<i>Graham</i> ,	<i>Massie</i> ,	<i>Springer</i> ,
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Grant</i> ,	<i>Miller</i> ,	<i>Striker</i> ,
<i>Clarke (Norfolk)</i> ,	<i>Hardy</i> ,	<i>Mowat</i> ,	<i>Watterworth</i> ,
<i>Clarke (Wellington)</i> ,	<i>Hargrave</i> ,	<i>O'Donoghue</i> ,	<i>Widdifield</i> ,
<i>Cole</i> ,	<i>Hay</i> ,	<i>Patterson (York)</i> ,	<i>Williams</i> ,
<i>Crooks</i> ,	<i>Hodgins</i> ,	<i>Paxton</i> ,	<i>Wilson</i> ,
<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Hunter</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,	<i>Wood—45</i> .
<i>Ferris</i> ,			

The Eleventh Resolution was then agreed to.

The Eighteenth Resolution, respecting Criminal Justice, having been again read, was agreed to.

The Thirty-fifth Resolution, respecting the Asylum for the Insane at *Toronto*, having been again read, was agreed to.

The Forty-first Resolution, respecting the Central Prison, having been again read, was agreed to.

The Forty-fourth Resolution, respecting the School of Agriculture, having been again read, was agreed to.

The Forty-eighth Resolution, respecting Hospitals and Charities, having been again read, was agreed to.

The Forty-ninth Resolution, respecting Miscellaneous Expenditure, having been again read, was agreed to.

The Fiftieth Resolution, respecting Unforeseen and Unprovided Expenses, having been again read,

The Honourable Mr. *McDougall* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Cameron*,

That the sum be reduced to Twenty thousand dollars, so that the large sum of Fifty thousand dollars may not be left to be expended at the sole discretion of the Executive Government.

Mr. *Hodgins* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Bethune*—

That all the words in the motion after “That” be struck out, and the following substituted therefor, “this House is of opinion that the experience of former Governments of this Province shows that the sum now to be granted is required by the Public Service, and that the said Resolution be concurred in.”

And objection having been taken by the Honourable Mr. *Cameron* to the amendment as merely affirming the original Motion; Mr. Speaker, referring to a case which occurred in 1873, where, upon a motion for the third reading of a Bill, an amendment to an amendment was moved concluding with the words “and that the Bill be now read a third time,” decided that if such an amendment were carried it would preclude all further amendment. Such a motion differed in no way from the “previous question,” and even that motion could not be moved upon an amendment, Mr. *Cameron’s* objection must therefore prevail.

The Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Coutts,</i>	<i>McDougall (Mid-</i>	<i>Preston,</i>
<i>Barr,</i>	<i>Creighton,</i>	<i>dlesex),</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Deacon,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe),</i>	<i>Rosevear,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Broder,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>Merrick,</i>	<i>Tooley,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Kean,</i>	<i>Monk,</i>	<i>Wigle,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Lauder,</i>	<i>Mostyn,</i>	<i>Wills—30.</i>
<i>Code,</i>	<i>Long,</i>	<i>Patterson (Essex),</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby,</i>	<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Ballantyne,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>
<i>Bethune,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>McGowan,</i>	<i>Snetsinger,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Grange,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Clarke (Norfolk),</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Hargraft,</i>	<i>O’Donoghue,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hay,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Currie,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	<i>Wood—49.</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>			

The Fiftieth Resolution was then agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 11.15 P.M.

Thursday, 15th February, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Wilson—The Petition of the County Council of *Elgin*.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 117), intituled “An Act to amend the Act respecting Master and Servant.”
—Mr. O'Donoghue.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 29), To incorporate the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of *Toronto*.

Bill (No. 7), To extend and define the limits of the Town of *Orillia*.

Bill (No. 80), For the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill No. (103), To give the right of voting to Farmer's Sons in certain cases, having been read,

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser* moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*,

That all the words in the motion after “That” be struck out and the following substituted therefor, “while farmers sons, from their intelligence, and personal qualifications, are as well entitled to the elective franchise as any other class not possessing the requisite property or income qualifications, still to confer upon them this privilege, solely in right of their father's property, and without the qualification that would entitle the sons of any other of Her Majesty's subjects to right of voting, would be to confer special privileges upon them and to discriminate between different classes of the people contrary to the genius and spirit of our Constitution, and in derogation of the equal rights of all.”

The Honourable Mr. *Crooks* raised the question of order, and urged that no amendment could be moved to the third reading of a Bill, except an amendment relating to time. The House had ordered the Bill to be read the third to-day, and no question touching the merits of the Bill could now be raised.

The Speaker referred to *May*, p. 487, and decided, That it is competent for any Member, who desires to place on record any special reasons for not agreeing to the second or third reading of a Bill, to move as an amendment to the question a resolution declaratory of some principle adverse to or differing from the principle of the Bill, or otherwise opposed to its progress. There are numerous modern instances of such amendments. The amendment is therefore in order.

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve of the Clock Midnight.

FRIDAY, 16th February, 1877.

The Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Baker,	Boulter,	Cameron,	Creighton,
Burr,	Broder,	Code,	Deacon,,
Bell,	Brown,	Coutts,	Flesher,

<i>Grange,</i>	<i>Long,</i>	<i>Merrick,</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe),</i>	<i>Monk,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Kean,</i>	<i>McGowan,</i>	<i>Patterson (Essex),</i>	<i>Wills—27.</i>
<i>Lauder,</i>	<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Preston,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Rosevear,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>McDougall (Mid-</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bethune.</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>dlesex),</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Snetsinger,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>
<i>Clarke (Norfolk),</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>Mostyn,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Hargraft,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Hay,</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Wigle,</i>
<i>Currie,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Patterson (York),</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wood—51.</i>

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Rosevear,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>McDougall (Mid-</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bethune,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>dlesex),</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Snetsinger,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>Mostyn,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Clarke (Norfolk),</i>	<i>Hargraft,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Hay,</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Wigle,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Patterson (York),</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wood—51.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Coutts,</i>	<i>Kean,</i>	<i>Monk,</i>
<i>Barr,</i>	<i>Oreighton,</i>	<i>Lauder,</i>	<i>Patterson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Currie,</i>	<i>Long,</i>	<i>Preston,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Decaon,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe),</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Broder,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>McGowan,</i>	<i>Scott.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Grange,</i>	<i>McRae,</i>	
<i>Code,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>Merrick,</i>	<i>Wills—27.</i>

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House then adjourned at 12.50 A.M.

Friday, 16th February, 1877.

3 o'clock, P. M

The following Petition was brought up, and laid upon the Table :—
By Mr. Grant—The Petition of the Township Council of *Kenyon*.

The following Petitions were severally received and read :—

Of the *North Oxford* Agricultural Society, praying for certain amendments to the Agriculture and Arts Act.

Of the County Council of *Simcoe*, praying that it may be made a misdemeanor to treat or to be treated in bar-rooms.

Of *Peter Gerville* and others; also, of *Henry Webster* and others, all of *West Garafraxa*, respecting the *Credit Valley* Railway.

Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, from the Standing Committee to whom was referred the Public Accounts, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee have taken evidence as to the system followed in obtaining supplies for the maintenance of the Public Institutions of the Province, and submit it herewith for the consideration of the Legislature.

The Committee have also taken evidence relative to the mode of auditing the Accounts of County Treasurers for the Administration of Criminal Justice, and present it, together with the Minutes of Proceedings to this date. (*Appendix No. 1.*)

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 118), intituled “An Act respecting Municipal Institutions.”—Mr. *Paxton*.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 83), To amend the Act respecting the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors, having been read,

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

The Honourable Mr. *Crooks*, then moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. *Harkin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Preston*,

That all the words in the motion after “That” be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof :—“the Bill be not now read the third time, but be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions so to amend the Bill as to enable the Council of every Municipality to appoint its own Inspector or Inspectors; to determine his or their remuneration; to decide to whom licenses shall be granted in their respective Municipalities, having regard to the limitations imposed by the Act 39 Vic. cap. 26; and to dispense with the services of the Commissioners and Inspectors now appointed under said Act by His Honour in Council.”

Mr. *Merrick* moved in amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Tooley*,

That all the words after “remuneration” in the Amendment be struck out.

And the Amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Baker,	Code,	Long,	Preston,
Barr,	Coutts,	McDougall (Mid-	Rosevear,
Bell,	Deacon,	dlesex)	Tooley,
Boulter,	Flesher,	Merrick,	Wigle—18.
Cameron,	Harkin,	O'Sullivan,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

Appleby,	Creighton,	McCraney,	Robinson,
Ballantyne,	Dawson,	McMahon,	Ross,
Baxter,	Deroche,	Massie,	Sinclair,
Bethune,	Fraser,	Miller,	Springer,
Bishop,	Gibson,	Mostyn,	Striker,
Bonfield,	Graham,	Mowat,	Watterworth,
Chisholm,	Grant,	O'Donoghue,	Widdifield,
Clarke (Norfolk),	Hardy,	Pardee,	Williams,
Clarke (Wellington),	Hay,	Paxton,	Wills,
Cole,	Hunter,	Richardson.	Wood—40.

Mr. Creighton then moved in amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Barr,

That all the words after "Municipality" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—"to decide to whom Licenses shall be granted in their respective Municipalities, having regard to the limitations imposed by the Act 39 Vic. cap. 26.

And the Amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Barr,	Deacon,	McGowan,	Rosevear,
Bell,	Harkin,	Preston,	Scott—9.
Creighton,			

NAYS.

Messieurs

Appleby,	Deroche,	Lyon,	Paxton,
Ballantyne,	Ferris,	McCraney,	Richardson,
Baxter,	Flesher,	McDougall (Mid-	Robinson,
Bethune,	Fraser,	dlesex),	Ross,
Bishop,	Gibson,	McDougall (Simcoe),	Sinclair,
Bonfield,	Graham,	McMahon,	Springer,
Boulter,	Grange,	McRae,	Striker,
Broder,	Grant,	Massie,	Tooley,
Cameron,	Hardy,	Merrick,	Watterworth,
Chisholm,	Hargraft,	Miller,	Widdifield,
Clarke (Norfolk),	Hay,	Mostyn,	Wigle,
Clarke (Wellington),	Hodgins,	Mowat,	Williams,
Cole,	Hunter,	O'Donoghue,	Wills,
Coutts,	Lane,	Pardee,	Wilson,
Crooks,	Long,	Patterson (Essex),	Wood—60.
Dawson,			

The Amendment, having been then put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Barr,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>McGowan,</i>	<i>Scott—7.</i>
<i>Coutts,</i>	<i>Long,</i>	<i>Preston,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Ballantyne,</i>	<i>Deacon,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>McDougall (Mid-</i>	<i>Rosevear,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>dlesex.)</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bethune,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe),</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Tooley,</i>
<i>Broder,</i>	<i>Grange,</i>	<i>Merrick,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>Mostyn,</i>	<i>Wigle,</i>
<i>Clarke (Norfolk),</i>	<i>Hargrave,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Hay,</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Wills,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Creighton,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Patterson. (Essex),</i>	<i>Wood—62.</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The following Bill was read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 45), To enable the Synod of Niagara to sell certain lands in Arthur.

The Honourable Mr. Wood presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Annual Report of the Normal, Model, High and Public Schools of Ontario for the year 1875, with Appendices. (*Sessional Papers, No. 3.*)

Also : Special Report on the Ontario Educational Exhibit, and the Educational Features of the International Exhibition at Philadelphia, 1876. (*Sessional Papers, No. 44.*)

Also : Annual Report of the Council of University College, Toronto, for the year ended December 31st, 1876. (*Sessional Papers, No. 43.*)

The Honourable Attorney-General Mowat delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself, and the Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

D. A. MACDONALD :

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain further sums required to complete the Service of the Province for 1877, and to make good certain expenditure for the year 1876.

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(*Sessional Papers, No. 8.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Supplementary Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 77), To extend the Voters' Lists Act to Municipal Elections; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 110), Respecting the Administration of Estates of Intestates dying without known relatives in *Ontario*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 115), For establishing a Superannuation and Benefit Fund for Police in Cities.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 10.45 P.M.

Monday, 19th February, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of the County Council of *Elgin*, praying that certain kinds of property may be Exempt from taxation.

Of the Township Council of *Kenyon*, praying that an Act may pass to confirm certain Surveys in the Township of *Kenyon*.

The following Bills were severally read the third time, and passed:—

Bill (No 32), For the incorporation of the Town of *Belleville* as a City, and for the Consolidation of the Debt thereof.

Bill (No. 57), To enable the Corporation of *Cobourg* to aid certain manufacturing establishments.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 44,) To erect the Town of *Brantford* into a City, under the name of the City of *Brantford*, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

The Bill was then read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill do now pass, and be intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of *Brantford*.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 39), To incorporate the People's Gas Company, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, that the Amendments be considered To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 56), respecting the City of *Toronto*, the *Toronto Water Works*, and other matters having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be considered To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 110), Respecting the Administration of Estates of Intestates dying without known relations in *Ontario*, having been read,

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat* moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*,

That all the words in the motion after "That" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out all the words between the word "relatives" in the second line of the first clause, and the word "his" in the fourth line of the said clause, so as not to give the Government the right to interfere with property of any one dying intestate and leaving known relatives or next of kin."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Deacon</i> ,	<i>MeRae</i> ,	<i>Preston</i> ,
<i>Boulter</i> ,	<i>Flesher</i> ,	<i>Merrick</i> ,	<i>Richardson</i> ,
<i>Broder</i> ,	<i>Grange</i> ,	<i>Monk</i> ,	<i>Rosevear</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Kean</i> ,	<i>Mostyn</i> ,	<i>Scott</i> ,
<i>Code</i> ,	<i>McDougall (Simcoe)</i> ,	<i>O'Sullivan</i> ,	<i>Wigle</i> ,
<i>Coutts</i> ,	<i>McMahon</i> ,	<i>Patterson (Essex)</i> ,	<i>Wills</i> .—25.
<i>Creighton</i> ,			

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Appleby</i> ,	<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Hodgins</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Ballantyne</i> ,	<i>Deroche</i> ,	<i>Hunter</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> .
<i>Baxter</i> ,	<i>Ferris</i> ,	<i>Lane</i> ,	<i>Sexton</i> ,
<i>Bethune</i> ,	<i>Fraser</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>Sinclair</i> ,
<i>Bishop</i> ,	<i>Gibson</i> ,	<i>McCraney</i> ,	<i>Springer</i> ,
<i>Bonfield</i> ,	<i>Graham</i> ,	<i>Massie</i> ,	<i>Striker</i> ,
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Grant</i> ,	<i>Miller</i> ,	<i>Widdifield</i> ,
<i>Clarke (Norfolk)</i> ,	<i>Hardy</i> ,	<i>Mowat</i> ,	<i>Williams</i> ,
<i>Clarke (Wellington)</i> ,	<i>Hargrath</i> ,	<i>Pardee</i> ,	<i>Wilson</i> ,
<i>Cole</i> ,	<i>Harkin</i> .	<i>Patterson (York)</i> ,	<i>Wood</i> .—43.
<i>Crooks</i> ,	<i>Hay</i> ,	<i>Paxton</i> ,	

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried ; and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on Bill (No. 53), Respecting the *Toronto Street Railway Company*, having been read,

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron* moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser* took objection to the Bill as containing conditions in excess of the original notices, and asked Mr. Speaker to refer the Bill back to the Committee on Standing Orders for the purpose of reporting as to the sufficiency of the notice.

Mr. Speaker doubted whether he had power to make an arbitrary order of that sort. But even if his power were undoubted, he would hesitate to exercise it at this late period of the Session, unless forced upon him by clear and distinct authority. He should prefer to follow the course adopted in a case which is reported in the Journals of Canada, 1865, page 242; where upon a similar objection being taken, it was by direction of the Speaker moved as an amendment, That the Bill be referred back to the Committee on Standing Orders, with instructions to report, &c. That is also the course adopted in many other cases reported in the Journals. In this way the matter is fully discussed and the House has no difficulty in arriving at an intelligent decision. It is open to any member to make a similar motion in the present case by way of amendment to the motion which has been put from the Chair.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser* then moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Deacon*,

That all after the word "That" in the motion be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—"the Bill be referred back to the Committee on Standing Orders, to report as to the propriety of the suspension of Rule No. 53, in respect to section one of the proposed Bill."

The Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Bonfield</i> ,	<i>Fraser</i> ,	<i>McMahon</i> ,	<i>Paxton</i> ,
<i>Coutts</i> ,	<i>Grange</i> ,	<i>O'Donoghue</i> ,	<i>Rosevear</i> ,
<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Grant</i> ,	<i>O'Sullivan</i> ,	<i>Wigle</i> —15.
<i>Deacon</i> ,	<i>Harkin</i> ,	<i>Patterson (Essex)</i> ,	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Appleby</i> ,	<i>Creighton</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>Richardson</i> ,
<i>Baker</i> ,	<i>Crooks</i> ,	<i>McCraney</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Ballantyne</i> ,	<i>Deroche</i> ,	<i>McDougall (Middle-Ross</i> ,	
<i>Baxter</i> ,	<i>Ferris</i> ,	<i>sex)</i> ,	<i>Scott</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Flesher</i> ,	<i>Macdougall (Simcoe)</i>	<i>Sexton</i> ,
<i>Bethune</i> ,	<i>Gibson</i> ,	<i>McRae</i> ,	<i>Sinclair</i> ,
<i>Bishop</i> ,	<i>Graham</i> ,	<i>Massie</i> ,	<i>Springer</i> ,
<i>Boulter</i> ,	<i>Hardy</i> ,	<i>Merrick</i> ,	<i>Striker</i> ,
<i>Broder</i> ,	<i>Hargrave</i> ,	<i>Miller</i> ,	<i>Watterworth</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Hay</i> ,	<i>Monk</i> ,	<i>Widdifield</i> ,
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Hodgins</i> ,	<i>Mostyn</i> ,	<i>Williams</i> ,
<i>Clarke (Norfolk)</i> ,	<i>Hunter</i> ,	<i>Pardee</i> ,	<i>Wills</i> ,
<i>Clarke (Wellington)</i> ,	<i>Kean</i> ,	<i>Patterson (York)</i> ,	<i>Wilson</i> ,
<i>Code</i> ,	<i>Lane</i> ,	<i>Preston</i> ,	<i>Wood</i> —56.
<i>Cole</i> ,			

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried; and the House resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)* reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 51), To incorporate the Home Savings and Loan Company, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 51), Home Savings and Loan Company.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Fraser*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Wood*,

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the *Rockwood Asylum*.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Resolved. That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution relative to the expenses of the defaults of the late Judge *Wilson*, of *Norfolk*.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House :—

Return, in obedience to an Order of the House, respecting Timber Licenses, showing the names of the several licensees, the number of acres respectively held by each licensee, the amount of license dues now in arrears by said licensees, if any; all other dues or fees now in arrear or on account of timber, or saw-logs, or other materials taken from said land by each of said licensees; and also shewing the amounts respectively due on the 31st of December, 1875; the amounts respectively paid in on account of said license dues, &c., during the year 1876; the nature and amount of the security taken for dues &c., or arrearages, if any. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 45.)

Also:—Return, in obedience to an Order of the House, in respect to cases under the Act 32 and 33, Vic., Chap. 35; for the more speedy trial of Felonies and Misdemeanours from the several Counties in *Ontario* for the year 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 46).

Also:—By command of the Lieutenant-Governor:—Return of Correspondence and Papers relating to the following Railways:—*Huron and Quebec Railway*; *Prince Arthur's Landing and Kaministiquia Railway*; *Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway*; *North Simcoe Railway*; *Credit Valley Railway*; *Kingston and Pembroke Railway*; *London, Huron and Bruce Railway*; *Norfolk Railway*; *Whitby and Port Perry Extension Railway*; *Prince Edward County Railway*; *Stratford and Huron Railway*; *Victoria Railway*; and *Welling-ton, Grey and Bruce Railway*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 41.)

Also:—Return as to Timber Dues in *Muskoka* and *Parry Sound* Districts. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 47).

Mr. *Clarke (Norfolk)* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bell*,

That the interests of society at large require that stringent means be used to repress vice and crime of every description, especially in its favourite haunts among the pauper population of Towns and Cities, therefore be it resolved, That a Committee composed of the Honourable Messieurs *Mowat* and *Cameron*, and Messieurs *Hodgins*, *Bell*, *Miller*, *Larder*, and the mover, be appointed to examine into the condition of the pauper poor of this City, with power to send for persons and papers, with a view to such Legislative action as may be deemed applicable to the case.

And, a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. *Graham* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ross*,

That an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the manufacturers of *Ontario*, relative to the appointment of a Commissioner to represent the Province at the Australian Exhibition.

And, a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Patterson (*Essex*) moved, seconded by Mr. Wigle,

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire respecting the claims of *Assumption College, Sandwich*, to certain moneys heretofore voted to said College by the Legislature of *Ontario*.

And, a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Creighton, seconded by Mr. Broder,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all estates, moneys, and properties, which have come to the hands of the Government, or of the Inspector of Asylums and Prisons belonging to the inmates of the various Asylums of the Province; giving names of parties, and also dates of receipts of moneys in detail; showing also where such moneys are deposited, and to whose credit.

The House having continued to sit until twelve of the clock, midnight.

TUESDAY, 20th February, 1877.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Lauder,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Coroner's inquisition, evidence given thereon, and finding of the jury in the case of *James Skye, or Solyer*, who died in the Central Prison, *Toronto*, on or about the 26th July, 1875: also, of the Coroner's inquisitions, evidence given thereon, and finding of the jury in the cases of all other prisoners who have died in the Central Prison, together with any reports of the Prison Surgeon thereon.

The House then adjourned at 1.05 A.M.

Tuesday, 20th Februray, 1877.

3 o'clock P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By the Honourable Mr. McDougall—The Petition of the Orange Lodge of *Toronto*.

By Mr. Hay—The Petition of the Township Council of *Wallace*.

By Mr. Meredith—The Petition of *William Mortimer* and others, of *London*.

By Mr. Merrick—The Petition of Orange Lodge No. 556; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,090; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 852; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 661; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,018; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 812; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 645; also the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,208; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 615; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 965; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 981; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,237; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,179; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 731; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 19; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,362; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,152; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 922; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 633; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 777; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 1,386; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge No. 787; also, two Petitions of Orange Lodges, all of *Western Ontario*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Mount Forest*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Wentworth*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Barton*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *Moore*; also, the Petition of Orange Lodge of *South Wellington*.

By Mr. Sexton—The united Petition of the City of *Hamilton* and the County of *Wentworth*.

The following Bill was introduced, and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 119), intituled "An Act to provide for the erection of a Court House in the City of Hamilton."—*Mr. Sexton.*

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 19), Respecting the *Strafford and Huron Railway Company*, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 93), To amend the several Acts respecting the Education Department, Public and High Schools, and the University of *Toronto*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Micat* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself, and the Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

D. A. MACDONALD :

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits further Estimates of certain sums required to complete the Service of the Province for 1877.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, GUELPH.

Further amount required for erection of Cheese Factory in connection with proposed Dairy	\$3,000 00
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—(*Sessional Papers, No. 8.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Supplementary Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 88), To amend the Assessment Act of 1869; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 95), To amend the Act respecting Line Fences; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Clarke (Wellington)* reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No 81), To facilitate the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the manufacturing of Butter, Cheese and other Dairy products, having been read,

Mr. Wills moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The Honourable Attorney-General Mowat moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Wood, That all the words in the motion after "That" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "the House do not now go into Committee on the Bill, but that the same be referred to a Committee of the Whole House this day six months."

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Baker,	Dawson,	Lane,	Richardson,
Ballantyne,	Deroche,	Lyon,	Ross,
Baxter,	Finlayson,	McCraney,	Sexton,
Bishop,	Fraser,	McMahon,	Sinclair,
Bonfield,	Gibson,	Massie,	Striker,
Chisholm,	Graham,	Miller,	Watterworth.
Clarke (Norfolk),	Hardy,	Monk,	Widdifield,
Clarke (Wellington)	Hargrave,	Mostyn,	Williams,
Code,	Hay,	Mowat,	Wilson
Crooks,	Hodgins,	O'Donoghue,	Wood.—42.
Currie,	Hunter.		

NAYS.

Messieurs

Burr,	Creighton,	McLayall (Mid-	Patterson (Essex),
Bell,	Deacon,	dlesex).	Preston,
Boulter,	Ferris,	McDougall (Simcoe),	Rosevear,
Broder,	Flesher,	McGowan,	Scott,
Cameron,	Harkin,	Meredith,	Tooley,
Code,	Kean,	Merrick,	Wigle,
Coutts,	Long,	O'Sullivan,	Wills.—27.

Ordered. That Bill (No 81). To facilitate the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the manufacturing of Butter, Cheese and other Dairy products, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of Bill (No. 75). To extend the Franchise for Municipal purposes, having been read,

Ordered. That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House then adjourned at 11.50 P.M.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. Cameron—The Petition of *James Moffatt* and others, of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. Currie—The Petition of the Electoral Division Agricultural Society of the County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. Bell—The Petition of *Samuel Beatty* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. McGowan—The Petition of *John Thomas Lacy* of *Palmerston*.

Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), from the Committee on Printing, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed :—

Correspondence regarding money received by the late Judge *Wilson*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 39).

Annual Report of the Normal, Model, High and Public Schools of *Ontario* for 1875. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 3).

Correspondence and Papers relating to the various Railways of *Ontario*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 41).

Return relating to Timber-dues in the Districts of *Muskoka* and *Parry Sound*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 47).

Return relating to Timber Licenses. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 45).

Return relating to trials for Felonies and Misdemeanours for 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 46).

Special Report on the *Ontario* Educational Exhibition at *Philadelphia*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 44).

The Committee recommend that the following documents be not printed :

Return of all Licenses granted for the manufacture or sale of Spirituous Liquors for 1875 and 1876—(*Sessional Papers* No. 42).

Annual Report of the Council of University College, *Toronto*, for 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 43).

The Committee also recommend that six thousand copies of the Education Act, be printed in pamphlet form, and that one copy be sent to every School Board in *Ontario*, through the Education Department ; also, that five copies of the Act be sent to every Member of the House.

The Committee further recommend that two thousand copies of the License Act be printed separately in pamphlet form, and that five copies be sent to every Board of License Commissioners in *Ontario*, through the License Branch Department ; also, that five copies be sent to every member of the House.

The Committee further recommend that the bound volumes of *Ontario* Statutes now in the custody of the Queen's Printer, be distributed equally among the members of the House, except fifty copies of each Session.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :

Bill (No. 120), intituled "An Act to amend the Temperance Act of 1864."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 121), intituled "An Act to apply the Municipal Law to certain Townships in the District of *Nipissing*."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 122), intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Amendments made in Committee on Bill (No. 39), To incorporate the People's Gas Company, having been read the second time, were concurred in.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Amendments made in Committee on Bill (No. 53), Respecting the *Toronto* Street Railway Company, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 95), To amend the Act respecting Line Fences.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 119), To provide for the erection of a Court House in the City of *Hamilton*. Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for Concurrence in Amendments made in Committee on Bill (No. 56), Respecting the City of *Toronto*, the *Toronto* Water Works, and other matters, having been read,

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bell*,

That the Amendments be not now concurred in, but that the Bill be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same, by striking out the clause providing for the election of Mayor by the Council of the Corporation.

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Baker</i> ,	<i>Coutts</i> ,	<i>Long</i> ,	<i>O'Sullivan</i> ,
<i>Barr</i> ,	<i>Creighton</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>Pardee</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Deroche</i> ,	<i>McDougall</i> (<i>Middle-Patterson</i> (<i>Essex</i>)),	
<i>Boulter</i> ,	<i>Flesher</i> ,	<i>sex</i>),	<i>Preston</i> ,
<i>Broder</i> ,	<i>Grant</i> ,	<i>Macdougall</i> (<i>Simcoe</i>),	<i>Rosevear</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Haney</i> ,	<i>McGowan</i> ,	<i>Tooley</i> ,
<i>Clarke</i> (<i>Norfolk</i>),	<i>Harkin</i> ,	<i>Meredith</i> ,	<i>Wigle</i> ,
<i>Clarke</i> (<i>Wellington</i>),	<i>Kean</i> ,	<i>Mostyn</i> ,	<i>Wilson</i> .—34.
<i>Code</i> ,	<i>Lauder</i> ,	<i>O'Donoghue</i> ,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby</i> ,	<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Hunter</i> ,	<i>Sinclair</i> ,
<i>Ballantyne</i> ,	<i>Finlayson</i> ,	<i>Lane</i> ,	<i>Striker</i> ,
<i>Baxter</i> ,	<i>Gibson</i> ,	<i>McCraney</i> ,	<i>Watterworth</i> ,
<i>Bishop</i> ,	<i>Graham</i> ,	<i>Miller</i> ,	<i>Widdifield</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Hardy</i> ,	<i>Mowat</i> ,	<i>Williams</i> ,
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Hargraft</i> ,	<i>Patterson</i> (<i>York</i>),	<i>Wills</i> ,
<i>Cole</i> ,	<i>Hay</i> ,	<i>Sexton</i> ,	<i>Wood</i> .—30.
<i>Currie</i> ,	<i>Hodgins</i> ,		

The House then resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 93), To amend the several Acts respecting the Education Department, Public and High Schools, and the University of *Toronto* ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill, with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of February instant, the consideration whereof had been postponed.

The Forty-fifth Resolution, respecting the School of Practical Science, having been again read,

Mr. *Patterson (Essex)* moved, seconded by Mr. *Richardson*,

That, as the Reports brought down to this House have shewn that the pupils attending the School of Practical Science were principally residents of the City of *Toronto* and Village of *Yorkville*, and that the advantages, if any, are purely of a local character, and as it is proposed to sell the property now owned by the Province and used for the purpose of said School of Technology, and which cost in the year 1871, \$35,000 to the Mechanics' Institute of the City of *Toronto*, for the sum of \$28,000, and incurring a loss to the Province of \$7,000 in said sale, and devoting a large portion of the proceeds thereof to the erection of a new building upon the University Grounds, and involving the continuance of the maintenance of said School of Practical Science, therefore be it resolved—That as no sufficient reasons exist for the continuance of said School that the said sum of \$5,690 be struck out.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

The Forty-fifth Resolution was then agreed to.

The Fifty-ninth Resolution, respecting the School of Agriculture, having been again read,

Mr. *Boulter* moved, seconded by Mr. *Richardson*,

That, as the Agricultural Farm is a purely experimental undertaking, and as it is proposed to expend twenty-five thousand dollars in the erection of additional buildings, without satisfactory evidence being furnished to this House that said Agricultural College is likely to prove a success, and accomplish the objects for which it was originally designed, this House does not concur in the said appropriation of \$16,800 ; and, be it resolved, That the item be reduced by \$10,000, being the portion appropriated, a part of the cost to be incurred in the erection of said additional buildings.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs.

<i>Baker,</i>	<i>Coutts,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe), Richardson,</i>
<i>Burr,</i>	<i>Creighton,</i>	<i>McGowan, Roseview,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>Meredith, Scott,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>Monk, Tooley,</i>
<i>Broder,</i>	<i>Long,</i>	<i>Patterson (Essex), Wills.—24.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>McDougall, (Middle-L'reston,</i>	
<i>Code,</i>	<i>sex),</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

Appleby,	Ferris,	Lane,	Ross,
Ballantyne,	Finlayson,	Lyon,	Sexton,
Baxter	Gibson,	McCraney,	Sinclair,
Bishop,	Graham,	Massie,	Springer,
Bonfield,	Grant,	Miller,	Striker,
Cameron,	Haney,	Mostyn,	Watterworth,
Chisholm,	Hardy,	Mowat,	Widdifield,
Clarke (Wellington)	Hargraft,	O'Donoghue,	Williams,
Cole,	Hay,	Pardee,	Wilson,
Crooks,	Hodgins,	Patterson (York),	Wood.—42
Dawson,	Hunter,		

The Fifty-ninth Resolution was then agreed to.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of Commissioner of Agriculture on the Products, Manufactures, &c., of Ontario exhibited at the International Exhibition, *Philadelphia*, 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 33.)

Also, Return of correspondence and papers relating to the *Erie* and *Huron* Railway. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 41.)

Also, in obedience to an Order of the House, a Return of the Coroner's inquisition, evidence given thereon, and finding of the jury in the case of *James Skye*, or *Schuyler*, who died in the Central Prison, *Toronto*, on or about the 26th July, 1875; also, of the Coroner's inquisitions, evidence given thereon, and finding of the jury in the cases of all other prisoners who have died in the Central Prison, together with any reports of the Prison Surgeon thereon. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 48.)

The House then adjourned at 11.20 P.M.

Thursday, 22nd February, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally received and read:—

Of the City of *Hamilton* and the County of *Wentworth*, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement.

Of the Township Council of *Wallace*, respecting a By-law in favour of the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway.

Of *William Mortimer* and others, praying for certain amendments to the Spirit License Act.

Of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 200, of *Tecumseh*; also of Orange Lodge No. 556; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,990; also of Orange Lodge No. 852; also of Orange Lodge No. 661; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,018; also of Orange Lodge No. 812; also of Orange Lodge No. 645; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,258; also of Orange Lodge No. 615; also of Orange Lodge No. 965; also of Orange Lodge No. 988; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,237; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,179; also of Orange Lodge No. 731; also of Orange Lodge

No. 19 ; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,362 ; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,152 ; also of Orange Lodge No. 922 ; also of Orange Lodge No. 633 ; also of Orange Lodge No. 777 ; also of Orange Lodge No. 1,386 ; also of Orange Lodge No. 787 ; also of Orange Lodges, all of *Western Ontario* ; also of Orange Lodge of *Mount Forest* ; also of Orange Lodge of *Wentworth* ; also of Orange Lodge of *Barton* ; also of Orange Lodge of *Moore* ; also of Orange Lodge of *South Wellington* ; severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Loyal Orange Associations of *Ontario East* and *Ontario West*.

The following Bill was read the third time, and passed :—

Bill (No. 39), To incorporate the People's Gas Company.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Statement of the Returns forwarded to the office of the Provincial Secretary of all fees and emoluments received by the Registrars of *Ontario* for the year 1876, made in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of *Ontario*, 31 *Vic.* cap. 20, sec. 74. (*Sessional Papers* No. 49.)

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions relating to Railway Aid.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor, acquainted the House that the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommended the same to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions relating to Railway Aid, as follows :—

Resolved, That, subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, aid shall be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the undermentioned Railway Companies, for the construction of the portions of Railway hereinafter mentioned, as follow, that is to say :

The *Victoria Railway Company*, from *Kinmount Village* to *Hatiburton*, a distance of about twenty-two miles, at the rate of six hundred and ninety two dollars and sixteen cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years ;

The *Whitby and Port Perry Railway Company* from *Port Perry* to *Lindsay*, a distance of about twenty-seven miles, at the rate of one hundred and seventy-three dollars and four cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years ;

The *Prince Arthur's Landing and Kaministiquia River Railway Company*, from *Prince Arthur's Landing* to *Fort William*, a distance of about six miles, at the rate of one hundred and seventy-three dollars and four cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years ;

The *Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company*, from the *Mississippi River* to the *Madawaska River*, a distance of about thirty miles, at the rate of six hundred and ninety-two dollars and sixteen cents per mile, per annum, payable half yearly for twenty years ;

The *Credit Valley Railway Company*, from *Toronto* to *Ingersoll*, and its branches, from *Streetsville* to *Alton*, and from *Cataract* to *Elora*, being in all a distance of about one hundred and fifty-two and a half miles, at the rate of eighty-six dollars and fifty-two cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years, such last mentioned aid being in addition to former grants to this Company ;

The *Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company*, from the boundary line between *Ontario* and *Quebec*, to or near the City of *Ottawa*, a distance of about sixty-six miles, at the rate of eighty-six dollars and fifty-two cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years, such last mentioned aid being in addition to former grants to this Company.

The payment of such aid under this Resolution shall be computed in manner following, that is to say :

(a.) If the portion of the railway for which payment is made has been completed be-

tween the first day of January and the first day of July, the payments shall be computed as commencing on the first day of January of the preceding year:

(b.) And if the portion for which the payment is made has been completed between the first day of July and the thirty-first day of December, the payments shall be computed as commencing on the first day of July of the preceding year.

Resolved, That all of the said grants of aid are to be respectively subject to the following conditions:

(1.) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may require any railway company so aided to enter into an agreement or agreements with any other railway company or companies, containing such terms and details as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may approve of, in order to secure running powers or rights of user to such company or companies over the line or portion of line of railway of the company aided under this Resolution, or former Acts, or in the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, for the haulage thereover of the cars and traffic of such other company or companies upon such terms as in default of agreement between the respective companies, may be settled upon by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

(2.) No payment shall be made to any of the said companies in respect of the said grants of aid for any portion of their Railway, until the Commissioner of Public Works shall have reported to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that such company has completed the portion of its road in respect of which payment is to be made (including such sidings and station-houses as the Commissioner may think necessary for the accommodation of the public), within the period for completing the Railway or portion thereof named in the Acts relating to the company, or such other period as may by any other Act be fixed for such purpose.

(3.) Payments may be made as portions of the Railway, not less than ten continuous miles, are completed as aforesaid; and in cases where the whole distance aided is less than ten miles, then for such distance.

(4.) After a Company has complied with the conditions necessary, and the Commissioner has reported as aforesaid, scrip or certificates may be issued for and in respect of the said grant; and when signed by the Treasurer of this Province and the Accountant in his department, and countersigned by the Auditor, every such certificate shall be valid and binding on the Province, according to its tenor and effect; and it shall not be necessary for any transferee, in good faith, of such certificate to inquire into, or obtain proof of, any facts stated therein, all of which shall be deemed conclusive as against the Province, in favour of such transferee.

(5.) The conditions contained in section six of the Act of last Session, intituled "An Act respecting Aid to certain Railways, and for other purposes," shall also apply to all Companies receiving aid under this Resolution.

(6.) Each of the said Companies shall furnish such information of the progress of the works on the Railway of the Company as may from time to time be required by the Commissioner of Public Works; and also such statistical or other details, accounts, and information as from time to time may be required from them by the Commissioner after completion of the Railway.

(7.) The location, grades, the widths, and slopes of cuttings and embankments, the plans of bridges, culverts, buildings, and other structures, the weight and section of iron rails, and other details of proposed construction of the Colonization Railways hereinafter mentioned, shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Government Engineer before the commencement of the works, as well as after completion.

(8.) In order to secure the continuous running of the Railways aided by this Act, the iron or steel rails laid from time to time by any of the said Railways are not to be removed by the Company, or by the authority of the Company, without the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, obtained on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works.

(9.) The appropriation heretofore made to the *Kingston and Pembroke* Railway for that portion of the Railway from the River *Mississippi* northward, not yet under construction is hereby cancelled.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardoe* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions relating to a Railway Land Subsidy Fund.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor, acquainted the House that the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommended the same to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution relating to a Railway Subsidy Fund—which Resolution is as follows :—

Resolved, That inasmuch as the construction of Colonization Railways will promote the settlement and increase the value of certain unsettled lands in the Free Grant Territory of the Province ; and inasmuch as it is desirable that a portion of the said lands should be set apart and sold for the purpose of forming a fund to recoup the Province in respect of moneys expended in aiding Railways ; a tract of land is therefore set apart for the purpose of being sold, and the proceeds thereof applied to form the fund aforesaid, that is to say, a tract of land at least ten miles in width on each side of the present projected line of the *Victoria Railway*, or on each side of the line of the said Railway as the same may be hereafter finally located and established, which tract shall extend from the northern boundary of the Townships of *Ayr* and *Clyde* to the River *Ottawa* at or near the mouth of the *Mattawan River* ;

That the said lands so set apart, shall be sold at such price, not less than *two dollars* per acre, and on such terms and conditions otherwise, as the Lieutenant-Governor may from time to time determine ;

That the moneys arising from the sale of the lands so set apart, shall constitute a fund to be called “The Railway Subsidy Fund, 1877,” and a separate account of the same shall be kept by the Treasurer of the Province ;

That the Railway Subsidy Fund shall be applied as follows :

(a) The cost and expenses of the collection of the said fund shall form and be the first charge thereon.

(b) The remainder of the said fund shall be applied in or towards payment of the moneys by any Act of this Session granted, or which may hereafter be granted in aid of Railways ;

That all pine trees upon the said lands shall be reserved from sale, and the proceeds of the sale of the said trees shall form no part of the said Railway Subsidy Fund ;

That in case, after the said lands are placed in the market, the Commissioner of Crown Lands reports in writing that any particular portion or portions of the lands so set apart, is or are not worth two dollars per acre, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to reduce the said price, and the same may thereafter be sold at such reduced rate ;

That, notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may dispose, by way of free grant, of any of the lands so set apart as aforesaid, for the right of way of any railway, or for railway stations workshops, or lands necessarily required for constructing or working any railway, or any other lands required for public purposes, and of which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem it to be in the public interest to make free grants.

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron*, proceeding to speak to the Resolutions, an objection was taken, and the Speaker having been appealed to decided, That if any motion be made in the House involving a charge upon the people, the debate shall not be presently entered upon, but shall be adjourned until a future day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of February instant, the consideration whereof had been postponed.

The Sixtieth Resolution, respecting the expenses of works at the School of Practical Science having been again read,

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Pardie*,
Resolved, That the Resolution be not agreed to.

The Sixty-fourth Resolution, respecting the works at Government House, having been again read,

The Honourable Mr. *Crooks* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Pardee*,
Resolved, That the words "twenty thousand dollars" be struck out of the Resolution, and the words "ten thousand dollars" substituted therefor.

The Resolution as amended, having been again read, was agreed to.

The Eightieth Resolution, respecting the expenses of construction and repairs to Colonization Roads, having been again read,

Mr. *Patterson (Essex)* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harkin*,

That the words "nineteen thousand two hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty-seven cents," be struck out of the Resolution, and the words "fifty thousand dollars" substituted therefor.

Mr. *Hardy* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*,

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, "there be added to the Eightieth Resolution the following words, 'and this House is of opinion that proper and due regard for economy, and the public interest, is now practised in the purchase of supplies for Colonization Roads, and that in all practicable and reasonable cases tenders are asked for such supplies.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby,</i>	<i>Currie,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Ballantyne,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Clarke (Norfolk),</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Hargraft,</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Hay,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wood.—40.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Barr,</i>	<i>Creighton,</i>	<i>McGowan</i>	<i>Preston,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>McRay,</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Grange,</i>	<i>Meredith,</i>	<i>Rosevear,</i>
<i>Broder,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>Monk,</i>	<i>Tooley,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>McDougall (Middle-O'Sullivan, sex),</i>	<i>Patterson (Essex),</i>	<i>Wigle,</i>
<i>Code,</i>			<i>Wills.—25.</i>
<i>Coutts,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe),</i>		

The Eightieth Resolution, as amended, was then agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 11.40 P.M.

Friday, 23rd February, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally introduced and read :—

Of *James Moffat* and others ; also of *Samuel Beatty* and others, all of *Toronto*, severally praying that the Mayor of *Toronto* may be elected by the people.

Of the Agricultural Society of *Lincoln*, praying that Township Agricultural Societies may be abolished.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor,—

Return of correspondence and papers relating to the following railways :—*Midland Railway*, *Lake Simcoe Junction Railway*, and the *L'Orignal and Caledonia Railway*.

The Order of the day for the third reading of Bill (No. 53), Respecting the *Toronto Street Railway Company* having been read,

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bell*,

That the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same by striking out the amendment made to the first clause by the Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Currie*,

That all the words after “instructions” in the motion be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof :—“to amend the same by striking out the first, second, and third clauses of the Bill, and inserting in lieu thereof, and as the first clause of the Bill, the words following : ‘section one and its sub-sections, and sections two and four of 39th *Victoria*, cap. 63, are hereby repealed.’”

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

Y E A S.

Messieurs

<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>McDougall (Middle-Paxton,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Grange,</i>	<i>sex.)</i> <i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>
<i>Coutts,</i>	<i>Harkin.</i>	<i>Meredith,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Kean,</i>	<i>O'Sullivan,</i>
<i>Deacon,</i>	<i>Long,</i>	<i>Patterson (Essez),</i> <i>Wills.—27.</i>

N A Y S.

Messieurs

<i>Baker.</i>	<i>Oreighton,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Barr,</i>	<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bell.</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Bethune,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Broder,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Monk,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Mostyn,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Chisholm.</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wood.—31.</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	

Mr. Gibson then moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Watterworth,

That all the words after "instructions" in the Motion be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—"to strike out of the first clause all after the word 'repealed.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Baxter,	Fraser,	Long,	Patterson (Essex),
Bonfield,	Gibson,	McDougall (Middle-Paxton, sex),	Robinson,
Boulter,	Grange,	McMahon,	Sexton,
Coutts,	Grant,	Meredith,	Snetsinger,
Creighton,	Harkin.	O'Donoghue,	Springer,
Crooks,	Hunter,	O'Sullivan,	Tooley,
Dawson.	Kean,	Lane,	Wills.—29.
Deacon,			

NAYS.

Messieurs

Baker,	Deroche,	Miller,	Sinclair,
Barr,	Ferris,	Monk,	Springer,
Bell,	Graham,	Mostyn,	Striker,
Bethune,	Hodgins,	Mowat,	Widdifield,
Broder,	Lyon,	Pardee,	Williams,
Cameron,	McCraney,	Richardson,	Wilson,
Chisholm,	McRae,	Scott,	Wood.—30.
Cole,	Massie,		

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Baker,	Crooks,	Massie,	Scott,
Barr,	Deroche,	Miller,	Sinclair,
Bell,	Ferris,	Monk,	Striker,
Bethune,	Graham,	Mostyn,	Widdifield,
Broder,	Hodgins,	Mowat,	Williams,
Cameron,	Lyon,	Pardee,	Wilson,
Chisholm,	McCraney,	Richardson,	Wood—30.
Creighton,	McRae,		

NAYS.

Messieurs

Baxter,	Gibson,	McDougall (Middle-Paxton, sex),	Robinson,
Bonfield,	Grange,	McMahon,	Sexton,
Boulter,	Grant,	Meredith,	Snetsinger,
Cole,	Harkin,	O'Donoghue,	Springer,
Coutts,	Hunter,	O'Sullivan,	Tooley,
Dawson,	Kean,	Patterson (Essex),	Wills—28.
Deacon,	Long,		
Fraser.			

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Baxter* reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Resolved, That this House doth ratify the Order dated 15th February, 1877, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council with reference to the *Prince Edward* County Railway, which Order is to the following effect:—Upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Treasurer, dated the 15th of February, 1877, the Committee of Council advise, that having regard to the circumstances connected with the contract of the *Prince Edward* County Railway which were set forth in the documents presented to the Legislature, the period for proof of contract for the construction of the works of the said Railway mentioned in the Order in Council of the twenty-seventh day of June, 1876, be extended to the first day of January, 1878.

On Motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Resolved, That this House doth ratify the Order dated 15th day of February, 1877, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council with reference to the *Montreal* and City of *Ottawa* Junction Railway, which Order is to the following effect: Upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Treasurer dated the 15th day of February, 1877, the Committee of Council advise that having regard to the circumstances connected with the contract of the *Montreal* and City of *Ottawa* Junction Railway which are set forth in the documents presented to the Legislature, the period for proof of contract for the construction of the work of the said Railway mentioned in the Order in Council of the fourteenth day of December, 1874, be extended to the first day of January, 1878.

On Motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Resolved, That the House doth ratify an Order in Council, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor on the 12th day of February, 1877, which Order is to the following effect:—“Upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Treasurer, dated the 10th February, 1877, the Committee of Council advise that the time limited by the Order in Council of the 16th of December, 1874, duly ratified in respect of the completion of the *Credit Valley* Railway, and the grant from the Railway Subsidy Fund, made by the Order in Council of the 20th of March, 1873, also duly ratified, be extended until the 1st day of January, 1880, upon the grounds appearing in the Petition presented by the said Company, and upon the statement of the Engineer of the Public Works Department, as to the progress already made on works of construction of the Railway.

The Order of the Day having been read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution relative to the expenses of the defaults of the late Judge *Wilson*.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, by command of the late Lieutenant-Governor, acquainted the House that the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommended the same to the consideration of the House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Baxter* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. *Baxter*, from the Committee, reported the Resolution, which was read as follows.—

Resolved, That out of the surplus interest now accumulated upon the moneys in, or invested by, the Court of Chancery, the sum of eleven hundred and four dollars and forty-five cents (\$1,104.45), be transferred to the credit of the Treasurer of the Province, to be

applied in making good certain defaults of the late *W. M. Wilson*, Esq., Judge of the County Court of the County of *Norfolk*, and Real Representative under the Partition Act in and for the said County: Provided, that the said sum shall be subject to any claims to the same, or any portion thereof, which hereafter may be made and established by any of the suitors of said Court, or any of their representatives.

The Resolution, having been read a second time, was agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 10.25 P.M.

Monday, 26th February, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. *Dawson*—The Petition of *G. B. Avery* and others, of *Manitoulin Island*

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 69), Respecting the Revised Statutes of *Ontario*; Bill (No. 111), To provide for certain Amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Province as Consolidated by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and Bill (No. 112), To provide for certain Amendments of the Law, presented their Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee have examined the Bills to them referred and report the same with certain amendments.

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 53), respecting the *Toronto Street Railway Company* having been read,

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron* moved:

That the Bill be now read the third time.

And a Debate having arisen,

The Honourable Mr. *Fraser* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Pardie*,

That the Debate be adjourned.

And the Motion, having been put, was carried on the following division:—(Yea 48; Nays, 22.)

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 119), To provide for the erection of a Court House in the City of *Hamilton*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke* (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday next there shall be two separate Sittings of this House on each day, the first Sitting to be from Three o'clock P.M. until Six P.M., and the second Sitting to begin at half-past Seven o'clock, P.M.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions relating to Railway Aid and to the Railway Land Subsidy Fund;

and, after some time spent therein, Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1877, the following sums :—

84. To defray the expenses of Civil Government, as follows :—

Executive Council and Attorney-General's Department.	
Clerk	\$600 00
Allowance to Clerk in charge of the License Branch Treasury Department in 1876.....	200 00
Clerk in Secretary and Registrar's Office	600 00
For supply of blank forms from Registrar General to Post-masters throughout the Province for returns	500 00
Total for Civil Government	\$1,900 00

85.—To defray the expenses of Legislation, as follows :—

Contingencies	\$2,800 00
Further amount required for the payment of Sessional Clerks.....	3,000 00
Total for Legislation	\$5,800 00

86.—To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice as follow :—

Usher and Crier Court of Common Pleas (error in amount of salary).....	\$20 00
District of <i>Muskoka</i> :—	
Re-vote of amount unexpended in 1876, but required for unpaid accounts of that year.....	\$700 00
District of <i>Algoma</i> :—	
For rent due Clerk of the Peace and District Attorney.	350 00
Rent for this year.....	100 00
For rent paid by Deputy Clerk of the Crown.....	75 00
Total for Administration of Justice	\$1,245 00

87.—To defray the expenses of the Education Department as follow :—

Minister of Education.....	\$4,500 00
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88.—To defray the expenses of maintenence of Public Institutions as follow :—

Asylum for the Insane, <i>London</i> ,	
To cover unpaid accounts for services of 1876.....	\$1,927 37
Asylum for the Insane, <i>Hamilton</i> ,	
Additional salary for Assistant Superintendent.....	100 00
For Maintenance and transfer of patients in 1876.....	1,998 61
To cover unpaid accounts for 1876.....	863 00

Reformatory, Penetanguishene,

To cover unpaid accounts for 1876, incurred through increase of patients.....	\$427 10
Under estimate for salaries of two teachers.....	200 00

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville,

To cover unpaid accounts for 1876, incurred through increase in the number of pupils and under estimate for fuel, &c.....	3,333 96
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Total for Maintenance of Public Institutions.....	\$8,850 04
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89.—To defray the expenses of a grant in aid of the maintenance of the School of Art and Design..... \$600 00

90.—To defray the expenses of a grant in aid of Hospitals and Charities, being additional required to make up deficiency in allowance to certain Institutions under the Act, so as to equal the amount paid last year..... \$4,944 63

91.—To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure, as follow :

<i>Philadelphia International Exhibition (further expenses in aiding Provincial Objects not covered by appropriation of last year).</i>	\$4,000 00
Consolidation of Statute Law (for printing and binding 12,000 sets of two volumes each of Revised Statutes)....	30,000 00
Voters' Lists for 1877 (in payment of expenses of County Court Judges in revising).....	3,000 00
County Court Judges, for travelling expenses in grouped Counties	1,050 00
License law, towards expenses in Municipalities in which Temperance Act of 1864 is in force.....	2,000 00
Clerk of Private Bills (on discontinuance of office), equivalent to nine months' salary.....	900 00
Representatives of late Mr. Gibson, Science Master, Normal School, Ottawa	187 50
Representatives of late Dr. Landor, Medical Superintendent of London Asylum	2,000 00
Representatives of late Col. Savage, Registrar of Algoma District	200 00

Representatives of deceased employees at London Asylum, viz. :—

Late J. J. Davy	\$100 00
Late Wm. Howe.....	43 33
Late Alexander Black..	43 33

Total for Miscellaneous Expenditure	\$43,524 16
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92.—To defray the expenses of Works at the Public Buildings, as follow :—

To complete proposed works for accommodation of additional pupils at the School of Agriculture, Guelph	\$15,000 00
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Further amount required for erection of Cheese Factory in connection with proposed Dairy	3,000 00
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To additional water-closets in projection from main building at the Institute for the Blind, Brantford	1,000 00
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Colouring, painting, &c., of Examination Hall at the Education Department, <i>Toronto</i>	\$800 00
Furniture, furnishings, matting, &c., for Court of Appeal and Master's office at <i>Osgoode Hall, Toronto</i>	2,000 00
Total for Public Buildings.....	\$21,800 00

93.—To defray the expenses of the Refund Account, as follow :—

Amount of forfeited bail, <i>re Brownlee</i>	\$911 00
Total	\$94,074 83

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; and, That the Committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will again resolve itself into Committee of Supply To-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Correspondence and papers relating to the following Railways :—*South Western Railway Company, Erie and Huron Railway Company, Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company, Belleville and North Hastings Railway Company, and the Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company, (Sessional Papers, No. 41.)*

On motion of Mr. *Lane*, seconded by Mr. *Patterson (York)*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return in connection with the *Toronto General Hospital* shewing—

1st. The amount of the income of that Institution, from all sources, for the last year.

2nd. The number of patients received into the said Institution during the last year, and the number sent from each municipality in the Province.

3rd. The cost per day for the maintenance and medical treatment of each patient.

4th. The amount charged per day to the different municipalities for patients sent by them to the Institution.

On motion of Mr. *Lauder*, seconded by Mr. *Meredith*,

Ordered, That the fees be remitted on Bill (No. 85), *Peel General Manufacturing Company*.

On motion of Mr. *Meredith*, seconded by Mr. *Lauder*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause to be laid before this House :—A Return giving the names of the present holders of Timber Limits in the *Muskoka* and *Parry Sound* Free Grant Districts, to whose limits the special rates of dues, imposed under the Order of Council of 4th October, 1871, apply ; also, for a copy of the said Order in Council, and of the petition presented by certain mill-owners and manufacturers of the said Districts, praying for a reduction of such dues, with the several names appended to such petition ; also, for copies of all reports made by any officer of the Crown Lands Department, upon the said petition, and the matters therein contained.

On motion of Mr. *Wills*, seconded by Mr. *Boulter*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House :—A Return of all Accidents and Casualties (whether to life or property) which have occurred on the Railways in the

Province of *Ontario*, under the jurisdiction of the Legislature of the said Province for the years 1874, 1875, and 1876, which shall set forth, 1st. The names of the respective companies; 2nd. The causes and natures of such accidents and casualties; 3rd. The points at which they respectively occurred, and whether by day or night; 4th. The full extent thereof and all the particulars of the same.

On motion of Mr. *Boulter*, seconded by Mr. *Wills*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Colleges and other Institutions affiliated to the University of *Toronto*, under the provisions of the University Act of 1853 (16 *Vic.* cap. 89), and of the Colleges and other Institutions now affiliated to the said University, with a complete list of the graduates of the University of *Toronto*, since 1st July, 1867, showing with regard to each, the county to which he belonged, and if to *Canada*, what part of *Canada*; the College or Institution from which he went up to the said University for his degree; the year in which he became an undergraduate of the University, and the year in which he graduated; also a list of scholarships, certificates, prizes, or other distinctions specified in classes 23 and 24 of the above-mentioned Act, awarded by the University of *Toronto* to undergraduates or students in attendance at affiliated Colleges since the above date; the names of the undergraduates who obtained such distinctions, and for what such distinctions were awarded.

On motion of Mr. *Meredith*, seconded by Mr. *Lauder*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, copies of the Order in Council passed for the appointment of a Commission under 31 *Victoria*, cap. 26, to inquire into the claims of the representatives of the late *William A. Scott* against the Province; the Commission issued thereunder; the instructions (if any) to the Commissioners; the evidence taken before the Commission, and the Report of the Commissioners.

And also, for copies of Correspondence between the Honourable the Attorney-General, or any other Member of the Government, and the representatives of *William A. Scott*, or any other person, with reference to the re-opening of the said inquiry.

On motion of Mr. *Broder*, seconded by Mr. *Creighton*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all the correspondence between *George O. Hays* and others, and the Government, or any of their officials, relating to the discovery of gold on the west half of lot number nine, in the ninth concession of the Township of *Marmora*, and also in reference to the claims of the discoverers, and to the subsequent purchase and sale of such land.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 99), To amend the Acts respecting Building Societies.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 107,) Respecting the Drainage of certain Lands by Municipalities, and to amend the Act respecting Municipal Institutions.

Referred to a Select Committee composed as follows:—The Honourable Mr. *Wood*: Messieurs *Patterson* (*Essec*), *McCraney*, *McGowan*, *Bishop*, *Watterworth*, *Gibson*, *Hardy*, *Meredith* and *Coutts*,

Bill (No. 114), To amend Cap. 2, 38 *Vic.*, Respecting the Re-adjustment of the Representation in the Legislative Assembly.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 118), Respecting Municipal Institutions.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 98), To amend the *Ontario Medical Act*, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 100), To amend the Pharmacy Act of 1871, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 108), To make the provisions of an Act respecting the property of Religious Institutions of the Province of Ontario, applicable to the Church of England, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 109), To amend the Municipal Institutions Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 113), To amend the Act respecting the practice of Physic and Surgery, and the study of Anatomy having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 116), To amend the Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 117), To amend the Act respecting Master and Servant, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House then adjourned at 11.25 P.M.

Tuesday, 27th February, 1877.

8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Bethune—The Petition of James G. Ross and others, of Quebec.

Mr. Coutts, from the Select Committee to whom was referred Bill (No. 107), Respecting the drainage of certain lands by Municipalities, and to amend an Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario, presented their Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee have examined the Bill to them referred, and report the same with certain amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hodgins,

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 30), To incorporate Alma College, St. Thomas.

The Honourable Mr. Wood presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Municipal Loan Fund Surplus Distribution Schedules, showing the objects to which the Fund has been appropriated by By-laws, and the payments made upon the same, to the 1st November, 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 10.)

Also, Municipal Statistics of the Counties, Cities, and Towns in the Province of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 50.)

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 53), Respecting the *Toronto Street Railway Company*, having been read,

The Honourable Mr. Cameron moved,

That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and, Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again at the Second Sittings of this House To-day.

Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), from the Committee to whom was referred certain proposed Resolutions relating to Railway Aid and to the Railway Land Subsidy Fund, reported the Resolutions as follow:—

Resolved, That, subject to the conditions hereinafter mentioned, aid shall be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the undermentioned Railway Companies, for the construction of the portions of Railway hereinafter mentioned, as follow, that is to say:

The *Victoria Railway Company*, from *Kinmount Village* to *Haliburton*, a distance of about twenty two miles, at the rate of six hundred and ninety two dollars and sixteen cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years;

The *Whitby and Port Perry Railway Company* from *Port Perry* to *Lindsay*, a distance of about twenty-seven miles, at the rate of one hundred and seventy-three dollars and four cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years;

The *Prince Arthur's Landing and Kaministiquia River Railway Company*, from *Prince Arthur's Landing* to *Fort William*, a distance of about six miles, at the rate of one hundred and seventy-three dollars and four cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years;

The *Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company*, from the *Mississippi River* to the *Middlewaska River*, a distance of about thirty miles, at the rate of six hundred and ninety-two dollars and sixteen cents per mile, per annum, payable half yearly for twenty years;

The *Credit Valley Railway Company*, from *Toronto* to *Ingersoll*, and its branches, from *Streetsville* to *Alton*, and from *Cataract* to *Elora*, being in all a distance of about one hundred and fifty-two and a half miles, at the rate of eighty-six dollars and fifty-two cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years, such last mentioned aid being in addition to former grants to this Company;

The *Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company*, from the boundary line between *Ontario* and *Quebec*, to or near the City of *Ottawa*, a distance of about sixty-six miles, at the rate of eighty-six dollars and fifty-two cents per mile, per annum, payable half-yearly for twenty years, such last mentioned aid being in addition to former grants to this Company.

The payment of such aid under this Resolution shall be computed in manner following, that is to say:

(a.) If the portion of the railway for which payment is made has been completed between the first day of January and the first day of July, the payments shall be computed as commencing on the first day of January of the preceding year;

(b.) And if the portion for which the payment is made has been completed between the first day of July and the thirty-first day of December, the payments shall be computed as commencing on the first day of July of the preceding year.

Resolved, That all of the said grants of aid are to be respectively subject to the following conditions:

(1.) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may require any railway company so aided to enter into an agreement or agreements with any other railway company or companies, containing such terms and details as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may approve of, in order to secure running powers or rights of user to such company or companies over the line or portion of line of railway of the company aided under this Resolution, or former Acts, or

in the discretion of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for the haulage thereover of the cars and traffic of such other company or companies upon such terms as in default of agreement between the respective companies, may be settled upon by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

(2.) No payment shall be made to any of the said companies in respect of the said grants of aid for any portion of their Railway, until the Commissioner of Public Works shall have reported to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that such company has completed the portion of its road in respect of which payment is to be made (including such sidings and station-houses as the Commissioner may think necessary for the accommodation of the public), within the period for completing the Railway or portion thereof named in the Acts relating to the company, or such other period as may by any other Act be fixed for such purpose.

(3.) Payments may be made as portions of the Railway, not less than ten continuous miles, are completed as aforesaid ; and in cases where the whole distance aided is less than ten miles, then for such distance.

(4.) After a Company has complied with the conditions necessary, and the Commissioner has reported as aforesaid, scrip or certificates may be issued for and in respect of the said grant ; and when signed by the Treasurer of this Province and the Accountant in his department, and countersigned by the Auditor, every such certificate shall be valid and binding on the Province, according to its tenor and effect ; and it shall not be necessary for any transferee, in good faith, of such certificate to inquire into, or obtain proof of, any facts stated therein, all of which shall be deemed conclusive as against the Province, in favour of such transferee.

(5.) The conditions contained in section six of the Act of last Session, intituled "An Act respecting Aid to certain Railways, and for other purposes," shall also apply to all Companies receiving aid under this Resolution.

(6.) Each of the said Companies shall furnish such information of the progress of the works on the Railway of the Company as may from time to time be required by the Commissioner of Public Works ; and also such statistical or other details, accounts, and information as from time to time may be required from them by the Commissioner after completion of the Railway.

(7.) The location, grades, the widths, and slopes of cuttings and embankments, the plans of bridges, culverts, buildings, and other structures, the weight and section of iron rails, and other details of proposed construction of the Colonization Railways hereinafter mentioned, shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Government Engineer before the commencement of the works, as well as after completion.

(8.) In order to secure the continuous running of the Railways aided by this Act, the iron or steel rails laid from time to time by any of the said Railways are not to be removed by the Company, or by the authority of the Company, without the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, obtained on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works.

(9.) The appropriation heretofore made to the *Kingston* and *Pembroke* Railway for that portion of the Railway from the River *Mississippi* northward, not yet under construction is hereby cancelled.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the construction of Colonization Railways will promote the settlement and increase the value of certain unsettled lands in the Free Grant Territory of the Province ; and inasmuch as it is desirable that a portion of the said lands should be set apart and sold for the purpose of forming a fund to recoup the Province in respect of moneys expended in aiding Railways ; a tract of land is therefore set apart for the purpose of being sold, and the proceeds thereof applied to form the fund aforesaid, that is to say, a tract of land at least ten miles in width on each side of the present projected line of the *Victoria* Railway, or on each side of the line of the said Railway as the same may be hereafter finally located and established, which tract shall extend from the northern boundary of the Townships of *Ayr* and *Clyde* to the River *Ottawa* at or near the mouth of the *Mattawan* River ;

That the said lands so set apart, shall be sold at such price, not less than *two dollars* per acre, and on such terms and conditions otherwise, as the Lieutenant-Governor may from time to time determine ;

That the moneys arising from the sale of the lands so set apart, shall constitute a

fund to be called "The Railway Subsidy Fund, 1877," and a separate account of the same shall be kept by the Treasurer of the Province;

That the Railway Subsidy Fund shall be applied as follows:

(a) The cost and expenses of the collection of the said fund shall form and be the first charge thereon.

(b) The remainder of the said fund shall be applied in or towards payment of the moneys by any Act of this Session granted, or which may hereafter be granted in aid of Railways;

That all pine trees upon the said lands shall be reserved from sale, and the proceeds of the sale of the said trees shall form no part of the said Railway Subsidy Fund;

That in case, after the said lands are placed in the market, the Commissioner of Crown Lands reports in writing that any particular portion or portions of the lands so set apart, is or are not worth two dollars per acre, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to reduce the said price, and the same may thereafter be sold at such reduced rate;

That, notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may dispose, by way of free grant, of any of the lands so set apart as aforesaid, for the right of way of any railway, or for railway stations workshops, or lands necessarily required for constructing or working any railway, or any other lands required for public purposes, and of which the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem it to be in the public interest to make free grants.

The Honourable Mr. *Pardee* moved,

That the Resolution be now agreed to.

Mr. *Meredith* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Patterson (Essex)*,

That all the words in the Motion after "That" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, "the Resolutions be not now agreed to, but be forthwith re-committed with instructions to strike out the paragraph thereof, which provides for the granting of aid to the *Credit Valley Railway Company*."

And a Debate having arisen,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 6 P.M.

7.30 P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. *Ferris*, Two Petitions of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Debate on the reception of the Report from the Committee on the Resolutions respecting Railway Aid, and the Railway Land Subsidy Fund, adjourned at Six of the clock To-day, having been read,

The Debate was resumed.

And the proposed Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Baxter,
Boultr,
Broder,
Creighton,
Currie,
Grange,

Hardy,
Hargraft,
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McDougall, (Mid-
dleses),
McMahon,

Massie,
Meredith,
Merrick,
Patterson (Essex),
Preston,

Rosevear,
Ross,
Snetsinger,
Tooley,
Wills—21.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Appleby,	Coutts,	Kean,	Patterson (York),
Baker,	Crooks,	Lane,	Paxton,
Ballantyne,	Dawson,	Lauder,	Richardson,
Barr,	Deacon,	Lyon,	Robinson,
Bell,	Deroche,	McCraney,	Scott,
Bethune,	Ferris,	McDougall (Simcoe),	Sexton,
Bishop,	Finlayson,	McGowan,	Sinclair,
Bonfield,	Flesher,	McRae,	Springer,
Brown,	Fraser,	Miller,	Striker,
Cameron,	Gibson,	Monk,	Watterworth,
Chisholm,	Graham,	Mostyn,	Widdifield,
Clarke (Norfolk),	Grant,	Mowat,	Wigle,
Clarke (Wellington),	Hay,	O'Donoghue,	Williams,
Code,	Hodgins,	O'Sullivan,	Wilson,
Cole,	Hunter,	Pardee,	Wood—60.

Mr. Creighton then moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Lauder,
That the following be added to the Resolutions :—

"This House regrets that the Government has not recommended for the consideration of the people's representatives the expediency of granting further aid to the *Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company*, in respect of the portion of the line between *Weston* and *Orangeville*, which portion has not heretofore received Government aid."

Mr. Speaker said, That this was an abstract Resolution, tending to an appropriation of part of the Public Revenue. The question of this right of private members to move abstract resolutions of a certain character seems to have been decided in a case reported in the Journals of this House, 1868-9, p. 67, where a motion, that it was expedient to attract immigration into this Province by granting certain privileges as to cutting and disposing of timber, was ruled out of order, not only by the Speaker but, on appeal, by the House. By a reference to the *Globe* report, it will be found that the question of abstract Resolutions upon matters affecting the Revenue was fully discussed. See also 7 *Jour. Ont.*, 255; 8 *Ib.*, 125; see also 1 *Todd*, p 252; *May*, p. 585 161 *Han.*, 1448; 205 *Ib.*, 394. The form of the present motion—expressing regret, &c.—differs from those referred to, and perhaps involves other considerations. At all events, the matter was one of so much importance that, with the permission of the House, he would postpone the further consideration of it until the third reading of the Bill, when the same amendment could be moved.*

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried, and the Resolutions, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

The following Bill was introduced, and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 123), intituled, "An Act respecting aid to certain Railways, and the creation of a Railway Land Subsidy Fund."—The Honourable Mr. Pardee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time, at the First Sitting of this House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day having been read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the *Rockwood Asylum*,

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor, acquainted the House that the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends the same to the consideration of the House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time

* The amendment was not moved at the third reading, and no decision upon the question of order was therefore given.

spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), from the Committee, reported the Resolution as follows :—

Resolved, That this House doth ratify an agreement relating to the purchase by this Province, from the Dominion of *Canada*, of the *Rockwood Asylum* property, which agreement is in the words following :—

THIS AGREEMENT, made the day of in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, between Honourable *Alexander MacKenzie*, as Minister of Public Works of *Canada*, and the Honourable *Christopher Finlay Fraser*, as the Commissioner of Public Works of the Province of *Ontario*.

Whereas, by the Act of the Parliament of *Canada*, 34 *Victoria*, chapter 26, after reciting that it may be found expedient to sell or lease *Rockwood Asylum* and its appurtenances to the Province of *Ontario* ; and that it appears that the Commissioner of Public Works for that Province has been authorized to treat for the purchase or lease thereof, it is enacted as follows :—"I, the Governor in Council, may authorize and instruct the "Minister of Public Works to treat with the Commissioner of Public Works for the Province of *Ontario*, for the sale or lease of *Rockwood Asylum*, and the land appertaining thereto, and if the said Minister and Commissioners agree upon the terms of such sale "or lease, and such terms are approved by the Governor in Council, the necessary measures "may be adopted for giving effect to such agreement, subject to the approval of Parliament at its then next session ;"

And whereas, the Commissioner of Public Works for *Ontario* has been authorized to treat for the said purchase ;

And whereas by Order in Council of 27th November, 1876, the Minister of Public Works of *Canada* was authorized and instructed to treat with the Commissioner of Public Works for *Ontario*, for the sale of *Rockwood Asylum*, and the land appertaining thereto ;

Now, therefore, the said Minister and Commissioner do agree for the sale and purchase thereof upon the following terms, namely :—

1. *Ontario* to pay *Canada* the sum of ninety-six thousand five hundred dollars for the freehold of the Asylum property, including the buildings and lands connected therewith.
2. *Ontario* to take from *Canada* at a valuation to be made by three, or the majority of three, arbitrators, one to be named by *Canada*, one to be named by *Ontario*, and the third to be chosen by the two so named ; the chattels and effects upon the premises, save such of the cell furniture as may be reserved by *Canada* for the use of criminal lunatics, to be removed to the Penitentiary.
3. The contracts for supplies existing at the time of the transfer, to be assumed by *Ontario*.
4. The staff to be taken over by *Ontario*.
5. The arrangement to take effect on the first of July next.
6. This agreement to be subject to the approval of the Parliament of *Canada* during its next session, and of the Legislature of *Ontario* during its present session.

In witness whereof, the said parties have set their hands and seals at the day and year first above written.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), from the Committee of Supply, reported the following Resolutions :—

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Minister of Education for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars and four cents, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Maintenance of Public Institutions for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Agriculture, Arts, &c., for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand nine hundred and forty four dollars and sixty-three cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-three thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars and sixteen cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Public Buildings, for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and eleven dollars, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Refund Account for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

The several Resolutions from Eighty-four to Ninety-one, inclusive, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

The Ninety-second Resolution, respecting Public Buildings, having been again read,

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Wigle,

That the following words be added to the Resolution :—“ But this House nevertheless expresses regret that such a small proportion of those availing themselves of the instruction afforded by the school at so large an expense to the Revenue, have continued the vocation of farming ; a result attributable, in a large measure, to the mode of selecting pupils heretofore in vogue ; and this House is of opinion that each of the County Councils in the Province should be empowered to nominate one or more pupils according to the number that are to be accommodated, and that in the selection of pupils the preference should be afforded to those so nominated.”

Mr. Creighton moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McGowen,

That all the words in the motion after “ That ” be struck out, and the following substituted therefor, “ this House while willing to grant such sums as are necessary for continuing the experiment of a School of Agriculture, regrets that the policy heretofore pursued in making selections from candidates for admission to the School has been such as to exclude a large proportion of farmers’ sons, so that of the forty pupils at present in the Institution, only nineteen are of that class ; and recommends that in future preference be given to farmers’ sons, while there are applicants from that class, so as to make the School of Agriculture what it was designed to be, a farmers’ institution.”

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve of the clock, midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 28th February, 1877.

The Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Barr,	Creighton,	Mc Dougall (Middle-Mostyn, sex),	O’Sullivan,
Bell,	Deacon,	Mac dougall (Sim- coe),	Patterson (Essex),
Boulter,	Flesher,	McGowan,	Preston,
Broder,	Grange,	McRae,	Richardson,
Brown,	Harkin,	Merrick,	Scott,
Cameron,	Kean,	Monk,	Tooley,
Code,	Lauder,		Wigle—29.
Coutts,			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Ballantyne,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bethune,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Springer.</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>Meredith,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Clarke (Norfolk),</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hay,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Currie,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	<i>Wood—44.</i>

Mr. *Hodgins* then moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Hardy*,

That all the words after "That" be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor, "the following be added to the original Resolution 'and while this House is of opinion that due weight and consideration should be given to any recommendation of County Councils for the admission of pupils to the Agricultural College, it is inexpedient to adopt any rule for that purpose.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Ballantyne,</i>	<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>Meredith,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Clarke (Norfolk),</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Mostyn,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Hay,</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Currie,</i>	<i>Hodgins,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>	<i>Wood—43.</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Paxton,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Barr,</i>	<i>Creighton,</i>	<i>McDougall (Middle-O'Sullivan, sex),</i>	<i>Patterson (Essex),</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Deacon,</i>	<i>Macdougall (Simcoe)</i>	<i>Preston,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>McGowan,</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Broder,</i>	<i>Grange,</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>Merrick,</i>	<i>Tooley,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Kean,</i>	<i>Monk,</i>	<i>Wigle—27.</i>
<i>Code,</i>	<i>Lauder,</i>		
<i>Coutts,</i>			

The original Motion as amended, having been then put, was carried.

The Ninety-second Resolution, as amended, was then agreed to.

The Ninety-third Resolution, having been again read, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, a sum not exceeding Two millions six hundred and twenty-four thousand, six hundred and two dollars and thirty-eight cents, to meet the supply to that amount granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That there be granted out of The Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, a sum not exceeding Two millions six hundred and twenty-four thousand six hundred and two dollars and thirty-eight cents, to meet the supply to that amount granted to Her Majesty.

The Resolution, having been read a second time, was agreed to.

The following Bill was then introduced, and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 124), intituled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and to provide for certain sums expended for the Public Service in the year 1875.”—The Honourable Mr. *Crooks*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Amendments made in Committee on Bill (No. 88), To amend the Assessment Act of 1869, having been read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time at the First Sitting of this House To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 99), To amend the Act respecting Building Societies; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again at the First Sitting of this House To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 114), To amend Chap. 2, 38 Vic., respecting the Readjustment of the Representation in the Legislative Assembly; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time at the First Sitting of this House To-day.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by Command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Papers and Correspondence relating to the following Railways :—*North Simcoe Railway, Hamilton and North Western Railway.* (*Sessional Papers*, No. 41.)

Also :—Report of the Immigration Department by the Province of *Ontario* for the year 1876. (*Sessional Papers* No. 51).

The House then adjourned at 1.10 A.M.

Wednesday, 28th February, 1877.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Boulter*,

Resolved, That this House desires to express its regret at the loss sustained by the death of *Peter Graham*, Esquire, Member for *Frontenac*, and of *John Fleming*, Esquire, Member for *South Waterloo*, and this House unanimously recommends that the Accountant of this House be authorized to transmit to their widows the Sessional allowances to which, but for their death, they would have been entitled. This Resolution shall not be taken as a precedent to authorize such payments in future.

Ordered, That the Accountant of this House do pay to the Widow of the late *Peter Graham*, Esquire, Member for *Frontenac*, and to the Widow of the late *John Fleming*, Esquire, Member for *South Waterloo*, their respective Sessional allowances, and mileage in full for the present Session.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 125), intituled "An Act to make verbal corrections in certain Acts of the present Session."—The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time at the Second Sittings of the House To-day.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 53), Respecting the *Toronto Street Railway Company*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron* then moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *McDougall*. That the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to strike out the amendment made in the preamble of the Bill in the Committee.

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby</i> ,	<i>Cole</i> ,	<i>McDougall (Middle-Mowat</i> ,
<i>Baker</i> ,	<i>Creighton</i> ,	<i>sex), Preston,</i>
<i>Ballantyne</i> ,	<i>Deacon</i> ,	<i>McDougall (Simcoe), Richardson,</i>
<i>Barr</i> ,	<i>Deroche</i> .	<i>McGowan, Rosevear,</i>
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Finlayson</i> .	<i>McRae, Scott,</i>
<i>Bethune</i> ,	<i>Flesher</i> ,	<i>Massie, Sinclair,</i>
<i>Boulter</i> ,	<i>Graham</i> ,	<i>Meredith, Snetsinger,</i>
<i>Broder</i> ,	<i>Kean</i> ,	<i>Merrick, Springer,</i>
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Lane</i> ,	<i>Miller, Tooley,</i>
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Lauder</i> ,	<i>Monk, Wigle,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington)</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>Mostyn, Williams,</i>
<i>Code</i> ,		<i>Wilson—45.]</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

Baxter,	Ferris,	Hunter,	Paxton,
Bishop,	Fraser,	Long,	Robinson,
Bonfield,	Gibson,	McCraney,	Ross,
Chisholm,	Grange,	McMahon,	Sexton,
Clarke (Norfolk).	Grant,	O'Donoghue,	Striker,
Coutts,	Hardy,	O'Sullivan,	Watterworth,
Crooks,	Hargraft,	Pardee,	Widdifield,
Currie,	Harkin,	Patterson (Essex),	Wills,
Dawson,	Hay,	Patterson (York),	Wood—36.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (Wellington), reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 93), To amend the several Acts respecting the Education Department, Public and High Schools, and the University of Toronto having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the whole House, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Clarke (Wellington), reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

The Honourable Mr. Crooks then moved, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Code moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Wigle,

That all the words in the motion after "That" be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof, "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same so as to provide that the law shall remain as at present with regard to the aid which is required to be given by County Councils towards High Schools."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Barr,	Code,	McDougall (Mid-	Rosevear,
Baxter,	Coutts,	dlesex),	Scott,
Bell,	Graham,	McGowan,	Tooley,
Bethune,	Grange,	McRae,	Wigle,
Bishop,	Kean,	Preston,	Wills—20.
Broder,			

NAYS.

Messieurs.

Appleby,	Cameron,	Creighton,	Deroche,
Baker,	Chisholm,	Crooks,	Ferris,
Ballantyne,	Clarke (Norfolk),	Currie,	Finlayson,
Bonfield,	Clarke (Wellington),	Dawson,	Flesher,
Boulter,	Cole,	Deacon,	Fraser,

Gibson,	Lyon,	O'Donoghue,	Sinclair,
Grant,	McCraney,	Pardee,	Snetsinger,
Hardy,	MacDougall (Simcoe)	Patterson (Essex),	Springer,
Hargraft,	McMahon,	Patterson (York),	Striker,
Harkin,	Massie,	Paxton,	Watterworth,
Hay,	Meredith,	Richardson,	Widdifield,
Hunter,	Merrick,	Robinson,	Williams,
Lane,	Miller,	Ross,	Wilson,
Lauder,	Mostyn,	Sexton,	Wood—58.
Long,	Mowat,		

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The following Bill was read the third time :—

Bill (No. 88), To amend the Assessment Act of 1869.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and be intituled “An Act to further amend the Assessment Acts.”

The Order of the Day for the Third Reading of Bill (No. 114), To amend cap. 2 38 Vic., respecting the Readjustment of the Representation in the Legislative Assembly, having been read, .

Mr. Widdifield moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time ;

And the Motion being put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Appleby,	Crooks,	Lane,	Patterson (Essex),
Baker,	Dawson,	Long,	Patterson (York),
Ballantyne,	Deroche,	Lyon,	Paxton,
Barr,	Flesher,	McDougall (Mid-	Preston,
Baxter,	Fraser,	dlesex),	Robinson,
Bethune,	Graham,	McDougall (Simcoe),	Sexton,
Bishop,	Grange,	McMahon,	Springer,
Bonfield,	Grant,	McRae,	Striker,
Chisholm,	Hardy,	Massie,	Tooley,
Clarke (Norfolk),	Harkin,	Miller,	Widdifield,
Code,	Hay,	Monk,	Wigle,
Cole,	Hunter,	Mostyn,	Williams,
Coutts,	Kean,	O'Donoghue,	Wilson—51.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Bell,	Currie,	Merrick,	Scott,
Boulter,	Deacon,	Mowat,	Sinclair,
Broder,	Hargraft,	O'Sullivan,	Wills,
Cameron,	McGowan,	Pardee,	Wood—19.
Creighton,	Meredith,	Richardson,	

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House then adjourned at 6 P.M.

7.30, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented to the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor :—

A Return to an Address (in Session of 1875-6) to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before the House, a Return from all the Municipalities in the Province, in which Municipal Elections were held in January, 1876, of the extra cost of holding the elections by reason of the Ballot Box Act, as applicable to Municipal Elections. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 52.)

Also—A Return to an Address to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before the House, a Return showing the amount paid by the several Cities, Towns, and Incorporated Villages, for Police service; and also from the several Counties, Cities, Towns, and Incorporated Villages, the several amounts paid to Constables for the year 1875. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 53.)

Also—Report of the Provincial Secretary, on the working of the Tavern and Shop License Act, for the year 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 42.)

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 79), Respecting the Territorial Districts of *Muskoka*, *Parry Sound*, and *Thunder Bay*, and the Provisional County of *Haliburton*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke* (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time at the First Sittings of this House To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 121), To apply the Municipal Law to certain Townships in the District of *Nipissing*.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole at the First Sittings of the House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 122), To amend the Acts relating to the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House at the First Sittings of the House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 124), For granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and to provide for certain sums expended for the Public Service in the year 1875.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time at the First Sittings of the House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 89), To amend the Act respecting Jurors and Juries.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 87), To extend the Franchise at Elections for the Legislative Assembly, so as to enable all male subjects of Her Majesty of full age to vote at such Elections, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 90), To provide for the Election of School Trustees by Ballot, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 105), To amend the law for the Protection of Game and Fur-bearing Animals, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 106), To amend the Act for the protection of Insectivorous and other Birds beneficial to Agriculture, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Scott*, seconded by Mr. *Bell*.

Ordered, That there be laid before the House a copy of the correspondence relating to the application of the Rev. J. W. R. Beck, for indemnity in respect of the purchase of Lot No. 6, second broken front, concession of *Haldimand*. Also copy of so much of the Return from the Crown Land Department to the Registrar of *Northumberland*, pursuant to Con. Stat. U. C. Chap. 89, Sec. 80, as relates to the Lot.

On motion of Mr. *Lauder*, seconded by Mr. *Scott*,

Ordered, That the Return of the Bursar of University College and *Upper Canada* College presented to the House be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. *Lauder*, seconded by Mr. *Scott*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Statement showing all moneys which have remained one year and upwards unclaimed in the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, the Court of Chancery, and Surrogate Courts in this Province, showing in detail the names of the parties or causes to whose credit the said moneys are respectively standing.

On motion of Mr. *Clarke (Norfolk)*, seconded by Mr. *McMahon*,

Ordered, That the Report relative to the Division Courts of the Counties of *York* and *Oxford*, and the united Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, be again referred to the Committee on Printing, to consider the propriety of printing the same.

On motion of Mr. *Massie*, seconded by Mr. *Graham*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House copies of all correspondence relative to the Sunday Schools of this Province, and the supplying of them with books from the Educational Depository.

Mr. *Graham* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lane*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will, in due course, cause to be laid before the Parliament of *Canada*, the desire of this House that the *British North American Act* of 1867 may be so amended as to enable the Legislature of the Province of *Ontario* to enact such laws as in their wisdom may seem necessary for the regulation and partial or entire prohibition of the making and Vending of Vinous or Spirituous Liquors in the Province of *Ontario*.

And a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Lauder*, seconded by Mr. *Deacon*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the names of all Municipalities in arrears under the Municipal Loan Fund Settlement of 1873, showing amount of instalments overdue by each Municipality, the several payments on account of any overdue instalments, giving dates; also, a Statement in detail of all debentures remaining unsold under said settlement.

The House then adjourned at 10.40 P.M.

Thursday, 1st March, 1877.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were severally received and read :—

Of the County Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, respecting the High School Act.

Of the County Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Currie*, seconded by Mr. *Baxter*,

Ordered. That the Accountant of this House do transmit to H. M. *Haney*, Esquire, the Member for *Monek*, his full Sessional Allowance, with mileage, without deducting therefrom any portion thereof on account of his absence from this Chamber, caused by his illness.

The following Bill was read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 124), For granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and to provide for certain sums expended for the Public Service in the year 1875.

The following Bill was read the Third time :—

Bill (No. 79), Respecting the Territorial Districts of *Muskoka*, *Parry Sound* and *Thunder Bay*, and the Provisional County of *Haliburton*.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and be intituled “ An Act respecting the Territorial and Temporary Judicial Districts of the Province, and the Provisional County of *Haliburton*.”

The House resolved itself into a Committee severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 69), Respecting the Revised Statutes of *Ontario*.

Bill (No. 111), To provide for certain amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Province, as Consolidated by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Bill (No. 112), To provide for certain Amendments of the Law.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain amendments.

The Amendments having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Bills (No. 69), Respecting the Revised Statutes of *Ontario*, and Bill (No. 111), To provide for certain amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Province, as Consolidated by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, be now read the third time.

The Bills were then severally read the third time, and passed.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat* then moved, That Bill (No. 112), To provide for certain Amendments of the Law, be now read the third time.

Mr. *Creighton* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Broder*,

That all the words in the motion after “ That ” be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, “ the Bill be not now read the Third time, but be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House to add a clause providing that no License, under any Act respecting the sale of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors, shall be granted to or held by any person filling the office of License Commissioner or Inspector, or in which,

he, or they, may be interested, either directly, or through a partner, or for any house owned by such License Commissioner, or Inspector, and any license so issued shall be void."

And a Debate having arisen,
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 6 P.M.

7.30, P.M.

On motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Ordered, That there shall be, on Friday next, three separate Sittings of this House—the First Sitting to be from 11 o'clock, A.M., until 1.30, P.M.; the other two Sittings as already ordered.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the proposed Amendment to the Motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 112), To provide for certain Amendments to the Law having been read,

The Debate was resumed.

Mr. *Meredith* moved in amendment to the proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Scott*,

That all the words in the proposed amendment, after "providing," be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor:—"that a License shall not be granted under the provisions of any Act respecting the sale of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors, to, or for the benefit of any person who is a License Commissioner, or License Inspector, and every License so issued shall be void. A License shall not, after the first day of July next, be issued under the provisions of any of the said Acts for premises within any License District of which any of the License Commissioners, or the License Inspector for such District, shall be the owner, and every License Commissioner who shall, after that day, knowingly issue, and every License Inspector who shall, after that day, knowingly recommend the issue of a license for any such premises, contrary to the provisions of this section, shall incur a penalty of Five hundred dollars.

"Such provisions shall not extend or apply to premises owned or occupied by a Joint Stock Company in which a License Commissioner is a shareholder; but in every such case the License Commissioner shall not, after the first day of July next, under a penalty of five hundred dollars, vote upon any question affecting the granting of a licence to the Company, or for premises owned or occupied by it."

And the Amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was carried.

The original Motion as amended, having been then put, was carried; and the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

The Honourable Mr. *McDougall* then moved, seconded by Mr. *Scott*,

That the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following as clause 77:—

"Barristers may sue for, and recover fees for services subject to taxation by the proper Court, and subject to the same liabilities for negligence or non-performance of contract as Solicitors and Attorneys."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a division.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 121), To apply the Municipal Law to certain Townships in the District of *Nipissing*; and, after some time

spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 122), To amend the Acts relating to the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

The Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat* then moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Honourable Mr. *Cameron* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Meredith*,

That all the words in the motion after "That" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof : "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith referred back to the Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to insert after clause four the following—

"4 (a) Section nine of the said Act is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "aforesaid" in the last line but one, to the end of said section, and substituting the following, "and no question as to qualification or right to vote of any person named on such Voters' List, certified and delivered or transmitted as aforesaid, shall be raised in any Election Petition or on the trial of any Controverted Elections."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS

Messieurs

Barr,	Deacon,	McDougall (<i>Middle-O'Sullivan</i> , sex),	Patterson (<i>Essex</i>),
Bell,	Flesher,	McDougall (<i>Simcoe</i>),	Preston,
Boulter,	Grange,	McGowan,	Richardson,
Brown,	Harkin,	McRae,	Rosevear,
Cameron,	Hodgins,	Meredith,	Scott,
Code,	Kean,	Merrick,	Tooley,
Coutts,	Long,	Monk,	Wills.—30.
Creighton,			

NAYS

Messieurs

Appleby,	Currie,	Hunter,	Ross,
Ballantyne,	Dawson,	Lane,	Sexton,
Baxter,	Deroche,	Lyon,	Sinclair,
Bishop,	Ferris,	McCraney,	Springer,
Bonfield,	Finlayson,	McMahon,	Striker,
Chisholm,	Gibson,	Massie,	Watterworth,
Clarke (Norfolk),	Graham,	Miller,	Widdifield,
Clarke (Wellington),	Grant,	Mowat,	Williams,
Cole,	Hardy,	O'Donoghue,	Wilson,
Crooks,	Hargraft,	Pardee,	Wood.—40.

Mr. *Meredith* then moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Deacon*,

That all the words in the motion after "That" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith, with instructions to insert the following as a new section: "The right of voting in respect of income shall not depend upon the payment of the Municipal Tax on such income by the 31st day of December next before the election, or any other day mentioned in the Election Act, except with respect to voters in Municipalities in which the Council shall so provide by by-law passed at least one month before the issue of the Writ for the holding of the election."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Deacon,</i>	<i>Meredith,</i>	<i>O'Sullivan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>McDougall (Middlesex),</i>	<i>O'Donoghue,</i>	<i>Patterson (Essex),</i>	<i>Wills—8.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Appleby,</i>	<i>Creighton,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Pardee,</i>
<i>Ballantyne,</i>	<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Kean,</i>	<i>Preston,</i>
<i>Barr.</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lane,</i>	<i>Richardson,</i>
<i>Baxter,</i>	<i>Deroche,</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Rosevear,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bishop,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>McCraney,</i>	<i>Sexton,</i>
<i>Bonfield,</i>	<i>Flesher,</i>	<i>McDougall (Simcoe),</i>	<i>Sinclair,</i>
<i>Boulter,</i>	<i>Gibson,</i>	<i>McGowan,</i>	<i>Springer,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Graham,</i>	<i>McMahon,</i>	<i>Striker,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Grange,</i>	<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Tooley,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Massie,</i>	<i>Watterworth,</i>
<i>Clarke (Norfolk),</i>	<i>Hardy,</i>	<i>Merrick,</i>	<i>Widdifield,</i>
<i>Clarke (Wellington),</i>	<i>Hargraft</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Williams,</i>
<i>Code,</i>	<i>Harkin,</i>	<i>Monk,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Cole,</i>	<i>Hodgins</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wood—61.</i>
<i>Coutts,</i>			

The original Motion, having been then put, was carried; and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 77), To extend the Voters Lists Act to Municipal Elections having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clarke (Wellington)*, reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as instructed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, reported with certain amendments, read the third time, and passed:—

Bill (No. 123), Respecting Aid to certain Railways, and the creation of a Railway Subsidy Fund.

Bill (No. 125), To make verbal corrections in certain Acts of the present Session.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 115), For establishing a Superannuation and Benefit Fund for Police in Cities, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 120), To amend the Temperance Act of 1864, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 99), To amend the Acts respecting Building Societies; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to Consider Bill (No. 118), Respecting Municipal Institutions; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 107), Respecting the Drainage of certain lands by Municipalities, and to amend an Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of *Ontario*; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 96), To extend the Rights and Remedies of Mechanics and others entitled to Liens on Chattels, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

On Motion of the Honourable Attorney-General *Mowat*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Crooks*,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned until two of the clock To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10. 20, P.M.

Friday, 2nd March, 1877.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House :—

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Statement of the affairs of the *Toronto* House Building Association for the year 1876.
(*Sessional Papers*, No. 54.)

Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), from the Committee on Printing, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed :—

Report of the Provincial Secretary on the working of the Tavern and Shop License Acts. (*Sessional Papers* No. 42.)

Report of the Immigration Department for 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 51.)

Report on the Municipal Loan Fund Surplus Distribution. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 10.)

Report of Commission of Agriculture on the Products and Manufactures of *Ontario*, exhibited at the Philadelphia Exhibition. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 33.)

Return from Division Courts of *York*, *Oxford*, *Northumberland* and *Durham*, from 1st October, 1875, to 31st March, 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 34.)

Return of the Coroner's Inquisition, and of the Jury, in the case of *James Skye*, and others, together with any reports of the Central Prison Surgeon thereon. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 48.)

Returns of all Fees and Emoluments received by the Registrars of *Ontario* for 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 49.)

Return showing the amount paid for Police Service in Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages, for 1875. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 53.)

The Committee recommend that the following documents be not printed:—

Municipal statistics for the Province of *Ontario* for 1875. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 50.)

Return from the Municipalities of the extra cost of holding elections by reason of the Ballot Act, in 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 52.)

The Committee recommend that three copies of the Consolidated Statutes be supplied to each member of the *Ontario* Legislature.

The Committee having further considered the recommendation concerning the distribution of *Ontario* Statutes contained in their Fourth Report, are of opinion that five copies only of the Statutes of the 34th, 38th and 39th *Victoria*, can be furnished to each member, and that the remaining copies for other years ought to be retained, and disposed of in the usual manner.

Resolved, That the House doth concur in the Fourth and Fifth Reports of the Committee on Printing, with the exception of so much of the Fourth Report as refers to the distribution of the Statutes of *Ontario*.

The Honourable Mr. *Wood* presented the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Arts for the year 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 4.)

Also:—Return, in obedience to an Order of the House, of copies of all correspondence relating to the Sunday-Schools of the Province, and the supplying them with books from the Educational Depository. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 55.)

Also:—Statement, in obedience to an Order of the House, of all estates, moneys and properties which have come into the hands of the Government, or of the Inspector of Asylums and Prisons, belonging to the inmates of the various Asylums of the Province, giving the names of the parties; also the dates of receipts of money in detail, showing also where such moneys are deposited, and to what credit. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 56.)

3 o'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honourable *Donald Alexander McDonald*, Lieutenant-Government of the Province of *Ontario*, being seated on the Throne, was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—

An Act to incorporate The *William Hall Peterborough Protestant Poor Trust*.

An Act to amend the Water Works Acts of the City of *Ottawa*.

An Act respecting By-law No. 240 of the Town of *Windsor*.

An Act to authorize the Town of *Dundas* to pass a By-law exempting the *Canada Screw Company* from Taxes.

An Act to extend and define the Limits of the Town of *Orillia*.

An Act respecting the *Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company*.

An Act respecting *St. Paul's Church, Toronto*.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the *Whitby* and *Port Perry* Extension Railway Company.

An Act respecting *St. John's Church, Iroquois*.

An Act to authorize the Synod of the Diocese of *Huron* to sell certain lands in the Township of *Warwick*.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Bible Society*.

An Act to alter and amend the survey of the lands of the *Canada Company* in the Townships of *Bosanquet* and *McGillivray*.

An Act respecting the *Stratford* and *Huron Railway*.

An Act respecting *St. Paul's Church* in the Village of *Almonte*.

An Act respecting the Village of *Port Elgin*.

An Act respecting the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of *Hamilton*.

An Act respecting the *North Simcoe Railway Company*.

An Act relating to *St. Mark's Church, Niagara*.

An Act to legalize a survey in the Township of *Matilda*.

An Act respecting the *Port Dover* and *Lake Huron Railway Company*.

An Act to incorporate the *Metropolitan Street Railway Company of Toronto*.

An Act to incorporate *Alma College at St. Thomas*.

An Act to incorporate the *Standard Fire Insurance Company*.

An Act for the incorporation of the Town of *Belleville* as a City, and for the Consolidation of the debt thereof.

An Act to incorporate the *Ontario Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada*.

An Act for the incorporation of the Conference of the Christian Church in *Canada*.

An Act respecting the Church of *St. Alban the Martyr, in Ottawa*.

An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the *Canadian Literary Institute of Woodstock*.

An Act respecting the Municipality of *Shuniah*.

An Act to incorporate the *People's Gas Company*.

An Act to incorporate *Trinity Medical College*.

An Act to incorporate the *Leamington, Comber and Lake St. Clair Railway Company*.

An Act respecting the *Credit Valley Railway Company*.

An Act to incorporate the *Niagara and St. Catharines Railroad and Steamboat Company*.

An Act to incorporate the City of *Brantford*.

An Act to enable the Synod of *Niagara* to sell certain lands in *Arthur*.

An Act to legalize a By-law of the County of *Simcoe*.

An Act relating to the *Hamilton* and *North-Western Railway Company*.

An Act respecting *St. Paul's Church at Newmarket*.

An Act to incorporate the *Guelph Street Railway Company*.

An Act respecting the *Toronto Street Railway Company*.

An Act for the admission of *William E. Idsardi* as a Provincial Land Surveyor.

An Act respecting the *Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company*.

An Act respecting the City of *Toronto*, the *Toronto Water Works* and other matters.

An Act to enable the Corporation of *Cobourg* to aid certain Manufacturing Establishments.

An Act respecting the *St. Catharines Street Railway Company*.

An Act respecting the *Bothwell (C. W.) Land and Petroleum Company*.

An Act to consolidate the debt of the *Port Hope Harbour*.

An Act respecting the *Huron and Quebec Railway Company*.

An Act respecting the *Presbyterian Church at Orillia*.

An Act to legalize a certain by-law, and certain debentures of the City of *Toronto*.

An Act respecting the *Pickering Harbour, and Road Joint Stock Company*.

An Act to amend the law respecting Escheats and Forfeitures.

An Act to amend and repeal certain enactments of the last Session of the Legislature of this Province.

An Act respecting the *Revised Statutes of Ontario*.

An Act respecting references to the Supreme Court of Canada, and the Exchequer Court of Canada, in certain cases.

An Act respecting the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie*.

An Act to amend the Act respecting Dentistry.

An Act to incorporate the Industrial Exhibition Company.

An Act to extend the Voters' Lists Act to Municipal Elections.

An Act respecting the temporary Judicial and Territorial Districts of the Province, and the Provisional County of *Haliburton*.

An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Manufactures.

An Act respecting payment to unorganized Townships or parts of Districts, under the Municipal Loan Fund scheme.

An Act to amend the Acts respecting the sale of Fermented or Spirituous Liquors.

An Act respecting the *Peel* General Manufacturing Company.

An Act to empower the Council of the Municipality of the Township of *Adelaide* to sell certain lands.

An Act to amend the several Acts respecting the Education Department, Public and High Schools, and the University of *Toronto*.

An Act to amend the Assessment Act of 1869.

An Act to amend the Act respecting Line Fences.

An Act respecting Mortgages and sales of Personal Property.

An Act respecting the Free Grants and Homestead Act of 1868.

An Act respecting the County Court, General Sessions of the Peace, and Surrogate Court of the County of *York*.

An Act to give the right of Voting to Farmers' Sons, in certain cases.

An Act respecting Constables.

An Act respecting the administration of Estates of Intestates dying without known relatives in *Ontario*.

An Act to provide for certain amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Province as Consolidated by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

An Act to provide for certain amendments to the Law.

An Act to provide for the erection of a Court House in the City of *Hamilton*.

An Act to apply the Municipal Law to certain Townships in the District of *Nipissing*.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act respecting aid to certain Railways, and the creation of a Railway Land Subsidy Fund.

An Act to make verbal corrections in certain Acts of the present Session.

An Act to further amend the Assessment Acts.

An Act to amend chapter 2, 38th *Vic.*, respecting the re-adjustment of the representation in the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to amend the Acts respecting Building Societies.

An Act respecting Municipal Institutions.

An Act respecting the Drainage of certain lands by Municipalities, and to amend an Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of *Ontario*.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the House as follows:—

“In Her Majesty's name the Lieutenant-Governor doth Assent to these Bills.”

Mr. SPEAKER then said:—

May it please your Excellency :—

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Ontario*, in Session assembled, approach Your Excellency at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Excellency's acceptance a Bill intituled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1877, and to provide for certain sums expended for the Public Service in the year 1875,” thus placing at the disposal of the Crown the

means by which the Government may be made efficient for the service and welfare of the Province.

To this Bill, the Clerk of the House, by command of the Lieutenant-Governor, did say :—

“ The Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill, in Her Majesty’s name.”

The LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR was then pleased to deliver the following Speech :—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :—

It is now my pleasing duty to relieve you from the labours of the Session, and to thank you for your assiduous attention to, and careful consideration of, the various measures which at the opening of the Session I thought fit to bring to your notice.

The results of your work cannot fail to have a beneficial influence in the promotion of the best interests of the Province; and the measures that you have passed indicate emphatically the valuable functions of the Local Legislature, which brings so much prudence and knowledge to bear upon questions materially affecting the welfare of the people of Ontario.

The body of Statute Law which you have revised will, within a short period, be issued in as perfect a form as is possible; and I have to congratulate you on the completion of a work which is of the utmost importance to our whole community. All concerned with public, municipal, legal or educational affairs, will in future be able to readily inform themselves on the subjects of law provided for by these statutes.

The amendments which you have made in the law respecting the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors will, I trust, promote the more efficient administration of that law, and tend to diminish the evil of intemperance, which has so baneful an effect upon the progress and civilization of our country.

The important improvements made by the Act respecting Education, will, doubtless, conduce to perpetuate and encourage the beneficial influence of education upon the whole youth of the Province.

You have shown your appreciation of the value of Railway facilities in increasing the material prosperity of the Province, by your prudent consideration of applications made for aid from Provincial sources, and by your recognition of those Railways whose construction will encourage the settlement of the large area of Provincial territory which is still unoccupied.

I am glad that you have not overlooked the claims upon our humanity, which required further provision for the accommodation of those classes who are unfortunately unable to care for themselves; and I am pleased to find that my recommendations on this subject have been so well carried out by you.

The extension of the franchise to the sons of farmers will remove some prevalent abuses, as well as infuse a further element of patriotism into the consideration of public affairs.

I perceive with satisfaction that you have not overlooked the important bearing which the pursuits of agriculture, and of the different arts, have upon the progress of the Province.

I have to congratulate you on the other important measures to which I have given my sanction.

I thank you for the supplies which have been granted for the service of the current year, and which it will be my duty to see applied with due economy, having regard to the efficiency of the public service.

The Honourable Mr. Fraser, Commissioner of Public Works, then said :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :—

It is the Lieutenant-Governor’s will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Wednesday, the Fourteenth day of April next, to be then here holden; and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the Fourteenth day of April next.

APPENDIX.

No. 1.—Reports of the Committee on Public Accounts, in Sessions of 1875-6
and 1877.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as their

FIRST REPORT.

Your Committee report that at its Session of To-day (18th January, 1876), the following Resolution was adopted: "That inasmuch as some of the members of the Committee have met on three or four occasions, but have been unable to proceed, the quorum being fixed at the number of nine, and that number not being present, it is, therefore, resolved, That the Chairman be requested to ask the House to reduce the number necessary to form a quorum, to the number of seven." Your Committee therefore recommend its confirmation by your Honourable House.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Committee Room,
18th January, 1876.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Standing Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as their

SECOND REPORT.

Your Committee have thoroughly examined the Public Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1874, and made special enquiry into those in connection with the Central Prison and Colonization Roads; they have carefully compared the whole of the vouchers in these matters, and taken evidence upon such points as they deemed necessary, and submit it, with a record of their minutes of proceedings.

Your Committee were unable to make a complete investigation into the Public Accounts of 1875, as the statement laid before them was for nine months of the year, and was not in detailed form. This arises from the fact that it is impossible to bring down the detailed statement for the year until the month of February, or at a time when the

labours of the Session are generally closed. To obviate this difficulty the Committee recommend for the consideration of the Legislature such a change in the Financial year as would cause it to commence on the first day of July and close on the thirtieth day of June in each year. A temporary inconvenience would arise from this alternative, but the increased facility for investigation of matters still fresh in the public mind would more than counterbalance it, and in the opinion of the Committee warrant the proposed change.

Your Committee find that, wherever practicable, the system of tender and contract has been fully carried out, and that where it was impossible to adopt it, a strict supervision has been exercised over expenditure.

All which is respectfully submitted,

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
4th Feby., 1876.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

1875-6.

FIRST SESSION 3RD PARLIAMENT OF ONTARIO.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Friday, 10th Dec., 1875.

The Select Standing Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Public Accounts, and being composed of, Hon. Messrs. Cameron, Crooks, Gow, Macdougall, Wood, Messrs. Boulter, Clark (Wellington), Deacon, Ferris, Gibson, Hardy, Hay, Lauder, Merrick, Meredith, Ross, Striker—17.—Met for organization.

Present :

Hon. Messrs. Crooks,	
“ Macdougall,	
Messrs. Gibson,	
“ Ross,	
“ Deacon,	
“ Clark (Wellington.)	

Hon. Messrs. Gow,	
Messrs. Boulter,	
“ Ferris,	
“ Hardy,	
“ Striker—11	

On motion of Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hardy, Hon. Mr. Gow was unanimously elected chairman of the Committee.

After an explanation by Hon. Mr. Crooks as to the system of examining the accounts by this Committee heretofore, the Committee adjourned until Tuesday, 14th December, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

Committee met.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Tuesday, 14th Dec., 11·15 A.M.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, <i>Chairman,</i>	
Messrs. Boulter,	
“ Clarke,	
“ Deacon,	
“ Ferris,	
“ Gibson,	
“ Hay,	

Hon. Messrs. Crooks and Wood,	
Messrs. Lauder,	
“ Merrick,	
“ Meredith,	
“ Ross,	
“ Striker—14.	

The Public Accounts for the nine months ending 30th Sept., 1875, were laid before the Committee. Also the Public Accounts for the year 1874.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the accounts for 1874, and the papers were called for in the following items:—

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Page 30.—H. W. Reffel, Valuating Furniture.....	\$61 15
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CONTINGENCIES.

Page 31.—Cost of maintenance of East Wing, including repairs....	\$4,093 20
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REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S BRANCH.

Page 32.—Hon. A. Crooks, to pay salaries of District Registrars...	\$3,750 00
“ “ To pay disbursements, do	223 63

MISCELLANEOUS.

Page 35.—Gratuities—All papers asked for.....	\$2,533 33
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INSPECTION OF DIVISION COURTS.

“ “ Joseph Dickey, Travelling Expenses.....	\$467 18
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INSPECTION OF COUNTY OFFICES.

“ “ M. B. Jackson, Travelling Expenses.....	\$118 93
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LEGISLATION.—REPAIRS.

“ 36.—P. Burns, Fuel	\$1,961 13
George Evans, Tinsmithing, &c.	281 03
J. Ritchie & Sons, Plumbing, &c.	473 70
“ 37.—R. Hay & Co., Furniture...	783 69
Hy. Graham & Co., Carpeting....	305 53
J. Edwards, Furnishing.....	240 30
Dickey, Neil & Co.	120 20

SESSIONAL WRITERS, MESSENGERS AND PAGES.

“ 39.—Thos. Phillips, To pay Dusters.....	\$210 00
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STATIONERY, INCLUDING PRINTING PAPER, &c.

“ “ J. Barber, Printing Paper.....	\$10,132 00
“ “ John Notman, Stationery—House Supply.....	1,564 16

EXPENSES OF ELECTIONS.

“ “ Judge Boyd, Disbursements <i>in re</i> Voters Lists trials.....	\$60 00
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LIBRARY.

“ “ Sundry Persons, Supplies.....	\$3,346 27
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The Librarian was ordered to be notified to appear before the Committee to explain these items.

EXPENSES OF SECOND SESSION, 1874.

SESSIONAL WRITERS, MESSENGERS AND PAGES.

Page 41.—Thos. Phillips, To pay Dusters, &c.	\$122 50
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POSTAGES AND COST OF HOUSE POST OFFICE.

" "	Joseph Leslie, Postage.....	\$397 45
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STATIONERY, INCLUDING PRINTING, &c.

" "	John Notman, Stationery—House Supply.....	\$1,565 38
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Mr. Notman, Accountant, was ordered to be notified to appear before the Committee to explain these items for Stationery.

" "	Page 42.—Contingencies.....	\$3,131 27
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Col. Gillmor was ordered to be notified to appear before the Committee to explain these items.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Page 45, 46, 47.—Crown Criminal Prosecution.....	\$109,434 64
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All papers ordered to be produced under this head.

Page 48.—Thos. Short, Expenses, retransfer of Prisoners to Central Prison.....	\$2,306 94
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" " Special Services—J. W. Murray, Services.....	150 00
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MISCELLANEOUS JUSTICE.

District of Algoma.

Page 49—Richard Carney, twelve month's salary as Sheriff.....	\$1,400 00
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" " J. M. Hamilton, do do Clerk of the Peace.....	800 00
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" " J. M. Savage, do do Registrar.....	800 00
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" " James Bennetts, do do Clerk of District Court.....	500 00
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" " Richard Carney, <i>Re</i> Administration of Justice.....	3,028 68
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" " Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, services.....	100 00
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The Hon. the Treasurer said that Mr. Totten would come before the Committee and explain these items.

District of Thunder Bay.

Page 49.—D. D. VanNorman, twelve month's salary as Stipendiary Magistrate.....	\$1,200 00
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" " D. D. VanNorman, <i>Re</i> administration of Justice.....	1,385 16
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" " John Jilles, maintenance of prisoners.....	157 50
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District of Nipissing.

Page 49.—John Doran, twelve month's salary as Stipendiary Magistrate	1,400 00
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" " do <i>Re</i> administration of Justice.....	493 80
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District of Parry Sound.

Page 50.—P. McCurry, twelve month's salary as Stipendiary Magis- trate	1,200 00
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" " P. McCurry, <i>Re</i> Administration of Justice.....	533 24
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District of Muskoka.

Page 50.—C. W. Lount, twelve month's salary as Stipendiary Magis- trate	1,000 00
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" " C. W. Lount, <i>Re</i> Administration of Justice.....	590 47
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Light, Fuel, Furniture, etc., Osgoode Hall.

Page 51.—R. Hay & Co., Furniture.....	774 70
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EDUCATION.

County Examination of Teachers.

Page 52.—Sundry items, services, &c.....	\$1,201 92
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Museum.

Pages 53, 54, 55, 56.—Sundry items.....	3,894 21
“ “ Maps, Apparatus, Library and Prize Books..	49,978 28

IMMIGRATION.

Page 59.—Agencies in Europe.....	32,475 38
“ 60 & 61.—Agencies in Ontario and Quebec.....	18,454 70
“ 61 & 62.—Carriage of Immigrants.....	34,535 48
“ “ Assistance to Immigrants.....	46,532 79
“ “ Incidentals	2,642 31

Page 63.—Total	\$134,640 66
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AGRICULTURE, ARTS, LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS.

Grant to Agricultural Societies.

Page 65.—S. H. Mills, allowance to Hamilton Horticultural Society	\$140 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Page 68.—L. W. Ord, services	1,064 14
“ “ Hon. A. Crooks, travelling expenses	1,150 00
“ “ L. W. Ord do	323 50
“ “ W. R. Harris, do	15 00
“ “ Thos. Langton, services on Consolidation Statutes.....	800 00

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Toronto Lunatic Asylum.

Page 70.—Dickey, Neil & Co., furnishings.....	355,09
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London Lunatic Asylum.

Page 70.—Wright & Durand, on account of contract.	14,459 55
“ “ J. C. Dodd & Son, do do	762 40
“ 71.—R. Hay & Co., Furniture	1,833 75
“ “ Manufacturing Co., Geo. Morehead, Furniture.....	156 50
“ “ H. C. Greene, Lumber.....	732 56
“ “ M. Knowlton do	286 87
“ “ Thos, Browne, Boilers.....	957 00
“ “ Pay Lists, men employed.....	1,377 49

Inebriate Asylum, Hamilton.

Page 71.—D. Nicholson, on account of contract.....	23,030 00
“ “ F. P. O'Callaghan, services as clerk of works.....	743 00

Central Prison, Toronto.

Pages 72, 73, 74.—Sundry Items.....	\$102,059	24
All papers asked for under this head.		

Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville.

Page 74.—D. S. Keith, on account of contract.....	2,638	15
" " Beardmore & Co., Leather.....	565	73

Committee adjourned at 12.40 o'clock, until to-morrow, Wednesday, 15th Dec., at 11 o'clock, A.M.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DEC., 1875, 11.25 A.M.

Committee met.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, <i>Chairman.</i>	Messrs. Ferris,
" Crooks,	" Gibson,
" Macdougall,	" Lauder,
" Wood,	" Merrick,
Messrs. Boulter,	" Ross,
" Clarke,	" Striker,
" Deacon,	" Hay.—14.

Papers, accounts, and vouchers were produced in the following items, being a portion of those called for at the previous meeting.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.*Government House.*

Page 30.—H. W. Reffel, valuating furniture.....	\$61	15
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Mr. Tully appeared at the request of the Committee and explained that this item was for valuating the furniture for the purpose of insurance, as well as that the Department might have an inventory so as to know exactly what belonged to them. The inventory was made in all the different departments as well.

SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.*Registrar-General's Branch.*

Page 32.—Hon. A. Crooks, to pay salaries of District Registrars.....	\$3,750	00
" " Do. do. disbursements	223	63

MISCELLANEOUS.*Gratuities.*

" 35.—E. S. Wiggins, on retiring from Institution for the Blind, Brantford.....	1,000	00
" " H. McCandless, on retiring from School of Agriculture, Guelph	1,000	00
" " R. M. Wilson, on retiring from Treasury Department.....	275	00
" " W. R. Nursey, do. do. do.	200	00
" " D. C. A. Del Hoste, on retiring from Registrar-General's Department	58	33

Total	\$2,533	33
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INSPECTION OF DIVISION COURTS.

" "	Jos. Dickey, Travelling Expenses	\$ 467 18
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INSPECTION OF COUNTY COURTS.

" "	Jos. B. Jackson, Travelling Expenses	118 93
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LEGISLATION.

Repairs.

" 36.—P. Burns, Fuel	1,961 13
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Tenders were here produced, and they showed that the tender of Mr. Burns was the lowest—

Page 36.—George Evans, Tinsmithing, &c.....	\$ 281 03
" " J. Ritchie & Son, Plumbing, &c.....	473 70
" 37.—R. Hay & Co., Furniture	783 69

As the Committee wished to further investigate this last item, it was allowed to remain over until next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee adjourned at 1.10 P.M., until to-morrow, Thursday, 16th December, at 11 A.M.

Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

THURSDAY, 16th December, 1875, 11.15 o'clock, A.M.

Committee met.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, *Chairman*,
Hon. Messrs. Crooks & Wood,
Messrs. Boulter,
Clarke,
Deacon,
Ferris,

Messrs. Gibson,
Hay,
Merrick,
Meredith,
Ross,
Striker—13.

Considered.—Account, Messrs. R. Hay & Co., (allowed to stand over at last meeting) for furniture, &c., supplied to the Hon. the Speaker's rooms.

Committee ordered, That Mr. Hay's chief salesman be notified to appear at next meeting of Committee, to explain this account.

Papers were produced by Mr. Harris, Accountant Treasury Department, on the following items, called for at a previous meeting of Committee; papers were examined, and items passed.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT—LEGISLATION.

Repairs.

Page 37.—Henry Graham & Co., Carpeting.....	\$305 53
" " J. Edwards, Furnishings	240 30
" 39.—Sessional Writers, Messengers and Pages—Thomas Philips, to pay dusters	210 00

EXPENSES OF ELECTIONS.

" " Judge Boyd, Disbursements in <i>re</i> Voters Lists.....	60 00
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Committee adjourned at 12.33 o'Clock, until to-morrow, Friday, 17th December, at 11 o'Clock, A.M.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
FRIDAY, 17th December, 1875, 11.20 o'Clock, A.M.

Committee met.

Present:

Hon. Mr. Gow, <i>Chairman,</i>	Messrs. Gibson,
Hon. Messrs. Crooks, Macdougall, & Wood,	Ferris,
Messrs. Boulter,	Hay,
Clarke (Wellington),	Ross,
Deacon,	Striker—12.

The following items allowed to stand over from previous meeting were considered, all the papers were produced, and the items allowed to pass:—

Page 27.—R. Hay & Co., Furniture..... \$783 69

Mr. Hay appeared at the request of the Committee, to explain what they were inclined to think was an overcharge in this account, viz.: an item of curtains for Mr. Speaker's rooms, amounting to \$115.00; and an item of \$90.00 for recovering and restoring furniture. Mr. Hay explained to the satisfaction of the Committee, that those prices charged were the same as charged to private individuals, for the same class of goods, and that in no case did he charge the Government any more for furnishing, than he charged any other of his customers.

Page 29.—Library \$3,600 00

Mr. Watson, Librarian, appeared at the request of Committee, and explained the method of purchasing books for the Library. He said he always submitted a list of books to Mr. Crooks for his approval before purchasing them.

Page 42.—J. Stovel, Furnishings. \$201 00

Col. Gillmor appeared before Committee, and explained that this account was for robes, &c., for Mr. Speaker.

Page 41.—Thomas Philips, to pay dusters \$122 50

Accounts produced, and item passed.

Page 42.—Sundry Newspapers \$992 69

Accounts produced and item passed.

Hon. Mr. Crooks here remarked, that the Government had come to the conclusion, to publish the notices with reference to the meeting of the Legislature, &c., for the future in the *Ontario Gazette* only, and thereby save these large items for advertising such notices.

Pages 45, 46, 47.—Crown Criminal Prosecutions \$109,434 64

All accounts produced and items passed.

Committee adjourned at 1 P.M., until Tuesday, 21st December, at 11 o'Clock, A.M.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
TUESDAY, 21st December, 1875, 11.15, A. M.

Committee met.

Present:

Hon. Mr. Gow, <i>Chairman,</i>	Messrs. Hay,
Hon. Messrs. Crooks, Macdougall, & Wood,	Lauder,
Messrs. Boulter,	Merrick,
Clarke (Wellington),	Meredith,
Deacon,	Ross,
Ferris,	Striker—15.
Gibson,	

Page 37.—Item—R. Hay, & Co..... \$783 69

Was again considered.

It was moved by Mr. Lauder, seconded by Mr. Boulter,

That the item in Page 37, R. Hay & Co., \$783.69, be recorded in detail on the minutes of this Committee.

It was moved by Hon. Mr. Crooks,

That the motion be amended by striking out the last words, “*of this Committee*,” and adding thereto “and that the particulars and letter of Mr. Hay sent to the Committee, at its request, be also recorded on the minutes of this Committee, and that Mr. Hay and his Foreman be directed to attend this Committee, to give such further explanations as any member of the Committee may require.”—*Carried unanimously.*

Considered.—Dickey Neil & Co..... \$ 120 20

Papers produced.

Considered.—Thomas Short, Expenses re-transfer of prisoners to Central Prison..... \$2,306 94

Mr. Langmuir appeared at the request of the Committee and explained the mode and cost of conveying prisoners to the Central Prison. He said the average cost of transferring each prisoner was \$5.70 per head—this includes all prisoners, those from the City of Toronto, as well as those from outside said city.

It was moved by Mr. Lauder, and seconded by Hon. Mr. Macdougall, that sub-Committees of this Committee be appointed to investigate all accounts and payments connected with the Central Prison, and the expenditure on Colonization Roads for 1874 and 1875.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Clarke, and seconded by Mr. Ferris, to strike out first “that” and substitute “the matters connected with the Central Prison and Colonization Roads involve not only questions of account, but also questions on which the Committee may be required to offer recommendations as to any future policy or proceeding, and that in view of these special circumstances it is expedient that the Committee delegate their functions in these cases to a sub-committee.”

This Amendment was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Hon. Messrs. Crooks and Wood,
Messrs. Clarke,
“ Ferris,
“ Gibson,
“ Striker.—6.

NAYS.

Hon. Mr. Macdougall,
Messrs. Boulter,
“ Deacon,
“ Hay,
“ Lauder,
“ Merrick,
“ Meredith,
“ Ross.—8.

Mr. Ferris moved, seconded by Mr. Clarke, in amendment,—That the reference to any sub-committee that may be appointed be of items of account only where no policy is involved, but on questions where principles are involved, such as the Central Prison and Colonization Roads expenditure, should have the fullest investigation by the whole Committee.

The chairman rules this amendment out of order.

Mr. Ross moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Hay, that the following be added to the motion.

“ And report the evidence as to fact to this Committee.”

Mr. Clarke moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that all the words after “that” be struck out and the following substituted :—“ It is not necessary or advisable to appoint sub-committees for the consideration of the Public Accounts until it has been shown that there is not sufficient time for a full investigation of the most important items of such accounts, but that this Committee do at once proceed

to an enquiry into the items under the heads of Colonization Roads and Central Prison.'

The amendment to the amendment was carried on the following division. It being a tie, the chairman voted with the yeas :—

YEAS.	NAYS.
Hon. Messrs. Crooks and Wood,	Hon. Mr. Macdougall,
Messrs. Clarke,	Messrs. Boulter,
" Ferris,	" Deacon,
" Gibson,	" Lauder,
" Hay,	" Merrick,
" Striker.—7.	" Meredith.—6.

On motion of Mr. Clarke, it was agreed to go on with the Central Prison investigate to-morrow, and Mr. Langmuir and Mr. Tully were ordered to be notified to appear.

On a suggestion from the Chairman it was agreed that the Committee meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock a.m., and proceed to the Central Prison, with a view of getting as much knowledge of construction &c., as possible, in order to facilitate the investigation.

Committee then adjourned at 1.10 p.m., until to-morrow, Wednesday 22nd, at 10 a.m.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd Dec., 1875, 10 o'clock A.M.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, *Chairman.*
Mr. Clarke, (*Wellington*).

No quorum.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

THURSDAY, 13th Jan., 1876, 10 o'clock.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, <i>Chairman.</i>	
" Mr. Wood,	Messrs. Gibson,
Messrs. Boulter,	" Hardy,
" Clarke (<i>Wellington</i>),	" Lauder.—7.

No quorum.

The members present left immediately in accordance with a previous resolution, and paid a visit to the Central Prison.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

FRIDAY, 14th Jan., 1876.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, <i>Chairman.</i>	
" Messrs. Crooks and Wood,	Messrs. Gibson,
" Clarke (<i>Wellington</i>),	" Ross,
" Ferris,	" Striker.—8.

No quorum. (Members present waited until 11.40 o'clock.)

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
TUESDAY, 18th Jan., 11 o'clock A.M.

Committee met.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, *Chairman.*

“ Messrs. Crooks and Wood,	Messrs. Hay,
“ Clarke (<i>Wellington</i>),	“ Merrick,
“ Ferris,	“ Ross,
“ Gibson,	“ Striker.—10.

It was moved by Mr Clarke (*Wellington*), seconded by Mr. Ross, *and Resolved.*

“ That a statement be prepared to be laid before this Committee, showing the cost of the Central Prison from the commencement of the works thereon, to the 31st December, 1875, and giving under separate heads the amount expended for land, buildings, machinery, furniture and improvement of grounds.”

It was moved by Mr. Ferris, seconded by Mr. Merrick, *and Resolved,*

“ That inasmuch as some of the members of this Committee have met on three or four occasions, but have been unable to proceed as the quorum being fixed at the number of nine, and that number not being present, it is therefore resolved, that the chairman be requested to ask the House to reduce the number necessary to form a quorum to the number of seven.”

It was agreed that further investigation of the Central Prison be laid over until the statement asked for was brought down.

Page 84 Considered.—COLONIZATION ROADS.

Mr. Bridgland, at the request of the Committee, explained the mode of doing the work on these roads ; he said part was done by contract, and part of them by days' work. They often found it more advantageous to do the work under overseers by days' work, as in many cases when they called for tenders, the tenders were at such high figures that they could not accept them, but the principal work done by days' work was repairing. As to the mode of getting supplies for the men sent out, Mr. Bridgland explained that they went round to the different merchants and got prices from them of what they would furnish certain supplies for, and they gave it to the lowest offer.

Mr. Bridgland was requested to produce before the Committee to-morrow, all accounts for supplies, also a statement showing the wages paid each overseer and the men under them.

Also all papers and accounts connected with the following items :—

Page 84.—John S. Aylsworth, Opeongo and Missipi Roads	\$2,416 24
“ “ A. G. Judd, Parry Sound Road.....	5,200 00
“ “ D. M. Card, Lake Joseph Road.....	1,564 15
“ “ P. Vankleek, Pembroke and Mattawa Road.....	3,169 82
“ “ John Bangs do do Road	3,835 26
“ “ Henry Elliott, Hastings Road	1,018 39

Page 53 Considered.—EDUCATION—MUSEUM.

Papers ordered to be produced in the following items :—

Page 54.—H. J. Morgan, Maps, Books, &c	\$300 80
“ “ Rowseal & Hutchison, Books	13 80
“ “ A. Piddington, Books	53 27
“ “ A. Dredge & Co., Binding.....	972 25
“ “ Sundry Persons, Journals, &c	75 57
“ “ Copp, Clark & Co., Curiosities	150 00
“ “ E. J. Potter, Mirrors, &c	439 67

Journal of Education.

Page 54.—E. J. Potter, Supplies \$113 02

Maps, Apparatus, Library and Prize Books.

Page 54.—Copp, Clark & Co., Sundry Supplies.....	\$4,738 71
" " Hunter, Rose & Co., Sundry Supplies	1,011 02
" " Charles Potter, Sundry Supplies.....	2,272 31
" " E. J. Potter, do	4,600 81
" 55.—John McDonald & Co., Sundry Supplies.....	437 74
" " J. P. May, Colouring Maps, Globes, &c	950 15
" " F. Hodgins, do do	697 75
" " J. G. Hodgins, Reconstructing Maps	458 50

Committee adjourned at 1 o'clock P.M., until to-morrow, Wednesday, 19th Jan., at 11 o'clock A.M.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

The following Report was presented to the House this day :—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Special Committee for the consideration of Public Accounts beg to report, That at its Session of to-day the following resolution was adopted :—

"That inasmuch as some of the members of this Committee have met on three or four occasions, but have been unable to proceed, the quorum being fixed at the number of nine, and that number not being present, it is therefore resolved that the Chairman be requested to ask the House to reduce the number necessary to form a quorum to the number of seven."

Your Committee would therefore recommend its confirmation by your Honourable House.

(Signed) PETER GOW,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WEDNESDAY, 19th January, 1876.

Committee met.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow—*Chairman.*

Hon. Messrs. Crooks and Wood,

" Clarke (Wellington),
" Ferris,
" Gibson,

Messrs. Hay,
" Ross,
" Striker.—9.

Mr. Bridgland appeared before the Committee and produced copies of contracts, pay lists, accounts for supplies, &c., in connection with Colonization Roads.

Mr. Bridgland explained that the overseers were paid from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per day, according to their ability and the work they were intrusted with. Previous to 1875, some of the overseers were paid as high as \$4, but the Commissioners reduced the amount to \$3.50.

Mr. Bridgland agreed to have prepared for the Committee a tabular statement showing,

- 1st. The name of the work.
- 2nd. The name of the overseer.
- 3rd. The amount per diem paid overseer.
- 4th. The average rate paid foremen.
- 5th. The average rate of wages paid labourers.
- 6th. The amount expended.

The rate to include that for the year 1874 as well as 1875.

Mr. Bridgland here produced, at the request of the Committee, a synopsis of tenders received for supply of groceries purchased and used by the men working on the roads done by day's work.

N A M E.	Teas.	Sugars.	Syrups.	Rice.	Soap.	Beans.	Flour.	Dried Apples.
	c. 30 @ 60	c. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$	c. 45	c. 5	c. 5	\$ c. 1 30	Current Price.	Current Price.
Wm. Griffith.....								
F. Smith & Co.....	50 @ 75	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	45 @ 52	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	Current	"	"
P. G. Close & Co.....	35 @ 80	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	40 @ 52	5	5	"	"	"
John Smith & Co.....	30 @ 60	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 55	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ @ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 @ 8	"	"	"
Robt. J. Griffith.....	30 @ 50	8	47	5	5	8 c. 1 00	"	10 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.
Geo. Michie & Co.....	40 @ 70	8	50 @ 70	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 @ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Current	"	"
R. Jaffray.....	20 @ 60	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 @ 52	5	5	"	"	"

The following statement, showing the average cost of boarding each man per week on each of the following roads, was taken from Mr. Bridgland's book produced before the Committee :—

1874. Opeongo Road.....	\$2 15	per man per week.
" Lake Joseph Road.....	2 86	" "
" Frontenac "	2 24	" "
" Hastings "	2 58	" "
" Mississippi "	2 60	" "
" Muskoka "	2 46	" "
" Pembroke and Mattawa Road....	2 33	" "
" Addington Road.....	2 40	" "
" Pembroke and Mattawa Road....	3 06	" "
" Muskoka and Bobeaygeon Road..	3 00	" "
" Ryerson Road.....	2 13	" "
" Fort William Road.....		" "
" Cameron "	2 42	" "
" Baseline "	2 43	" "
" Monck "	3 00	" "
" Kingston and Perth Road.....		" "
" Macaulay (South) "	2 80	" "
" Hyde Chute "	2 26	" "
" Victoria "	2 05	" "
" Rousseau and Nipissing "	2 31	" "
" do do "	2 34	" "
" Parry Sound "	2 23	" "
" Northern "	2 26	" "

{ Western division
under Vankleek.

{ Eastern division
under Proctor.

{ This includes
bedding.

(McLaw's.)

(under Judd.)

Mr. Bridgland further explained to the Committee, that in no case did they pay men that were hired by the day for any days they might lose through bad weather, or by any other reason. Men with teams that are engaged drawing supplies, are never furnished with board either for themselves or horses. I am in favour of giving out these works by contract where it can be done beneficially, but as a rule, except on new roads, it cannot be done as well nor as cheaply by contract as by days' work. We are guided a good

deal in doing this work by the reports we get in the Department from the localities where the work is to be done. These matters are always brought before the Commissioner. There is a great deal of this work that is impossible to get done by tender, such as repairing, &c.; such jobs can be done much more efficiently by days' work. The bulk of the work cannot be done by contract.

Pages 53, 54, 55.—Education.

All vouchers, &c., asked for at a previous meeting were produced.

Committee adjourned at 12.54, until to-morrow, Thursday, 20th January, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

STATEMENT OF WORKS under Overseers, showing amount paid Overseers, Foremen and Labourers per day, and total amount expended under each Overseer in 1874, by the Colonization Roads Branch of the Crown Lands Department.

NAME OF WORKS.	NAME OF OVERSEER.	Amount per day paid to Overseer.	Amount per day paid to Foreman under Overseer.	Average amount per day paid to Labourers.	Total amount expended under Overseer.	REMARKS.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	
Glamorgan Bridge.....	J. Graham.....	4 00	2 00	77	1360 25	
Northern Road.....	John A. McDonald	4 00	1 16	72 ¹	5974 03	
Parry Sound Road.....	A. G. Judd	4 00	1 50	77	7750 09	
Rousseau and Nipissing Road.....	D. McLaw	4 00	1 50	73 ¹	7832 77	
Opeongo Road.....	J. S. Ayaworth	4 00	1 50	72	2823 55	
Lake Joseph Road.....	J. D. Card	4 00	1 15	70	2187 61	
Frontenac Road.....	J. J. Watson	4 00	1 50	62	1248 52	
Hastings Road.....	Henry Elliott	3 00	1 00	70	1192 94	
Mississipi Road.....	Harvey Smith	3 00	1 25	77	1991 00	
© Muskoka Road.....	D. Ostrom	4 00	1 27	73	1912 13	
Pembroke and Mattawa Road.....	P. Vankleek	4 00	1 50	77	4543 56	
Do do	R. Proctor	4 00	1 50	75	3783 25	
Addington Road.....	R. Shannon	3 00	1 00	90	1002 71	
Musikoka and Bobcaygon	George Hunt	3 00	1 25	70	867 99	
Ryerson Road.....	J. Cunningham	4 00	None.	70	2015 52	
Fort William Road.....	Wm. Carrick	4 00	2 37 ¹	1 00	8319 47	
Cameron Road.....	J. D. Naylor	4 00	None.	70	938 28	
Base Line Road.....	W. Stratton	2 50	92	96	954 80	
Monck Road repairs.....	S. Roy	4 00	None.	1 00	914 53	
Mississipi Road repairs.....	J. McKenzie	3 00	None.	1 25	753 36	
Kingston and Perth.....	W. Walsh	3 00	None.	None.	501 23	
Macaulay Road, South.....	T. Holliday	3 00	None.	1 00	799 65	
Hyde, Clute and Lawson's.....	J. Morrow	4 00	None.	73	1036 20	
Victoria Road.....	J. Staples	4 00	1 00	68	892 15	
Rousseau and Nipissing Road repairs.....	D. F. Burk	3 00	1 50	1 00	450 57	

1875.

STATEMENT OF WORKS under Overseers, showing amounts paid Overseers, Foremen and Labourers per day, and total amount expended under each Overseer in 1875, by the Colonization Roads Branch of the Crown Lands Department.

NAME OF WORKS.	NAME OF OVERSEER.	Rate per day paid Overseer.	Rate per day paid Foreman.	Rate per day paid Labourers.	Total amount expended under Overseer.	REMARKS.
Rousseau and Nipissing Road	John Beatty	\$ 2 50	\$ 77	\$ 869 07		
Parry Sound Road	A. G. Judd	3 50	77	4748 88		
Rousseau and Nipissing Road	James Cunningham	3 50	1 50	4736 50		
Northern Road	J. Armstrong	3 50	None.	2972 01		
Macaulay Road	J. A. McDonald	3 50	1 50	3278 43		
Baysville Road	V. H. Brown	2 50	1 16	1000 08		
Muskoka Road	Joseph Clarke	2 50	1 15	935 52		
Macaulay Road, South	Edward Nicholson	2 50	1 00	838 30		
Cardwell Road	Edward J. Strett	3 50	77	1966 32		
Muskoka Road, South	D. M. Card	3 50	1 10	73		
Muskoka and Bobcaygeon	Wm. F. Haines	2 50	1 00	2428 95		
Lake Joseph Road	E. Handy	2 50	1 08	851 06		
Pembroke and Mattawa	R. Proctor	2 50	1 07	1504 61		
Hyde, Chute and Lawson's	J. Morrow	2 50	1 00	2982 20		
Opeongo Road	H. Gallagher	3 50	1 50	1394 04		
Mississippi Road	H. Smith	2 50	1 25	3213 53		
Mississippi Road Repairs	J. McKenzie	2 50	None.	1493 06		
Frontenac Road	Robert Flynn	2 50	None.	975 57		
Addington Road	F. Hott	2 50	1 00	967 46		
Hastings Road	Henry Elliott	3 50	1 25	1021 70		
Monck Road repairs	W. H. Robinson	2 50	None.	2014 04		
East River Bridge	Thomas Holliday	3 50	1 25	1409 70		
McDougall Road Junction, No. —	S. Row	3 50	1 50	1119 78		
Burleigh Road	J. Boyd	3 50	1 00	1607 35		
East River Road	Wm. Clarke	3 50	1 00	2135 31		
Bobcaygeon and Peterson Roads	Wm. Hartle	3 50	None.	795 82		
Eganville and Foy	H. Gallagher	2 50	None.	2084 95		
Eganville and Opeongo	J. McGrath	2 50	None.	1074 60		
Ryde Road	D. McLelland	2 50	None.	970 34		
Rousseau and Nipissing, South	J. S. Aylsworth	3 50	1 50	1222 40		
Northern repairs	M. Marke	3 50	None.	3228 98		
Carlton Road	D. Kavanagh	2 50	84	1026 31		
Brunel Road	D. Baxter	2 50	None.	1160 02		
Distlers River Road	John Fluker	2 50	None.	747 42		
				750 16		

STATEMENT OF WORKS under Overseers, showing amounts paid Overseers, Foremen and Labourers per day, and total amount expended under each Overseer in 1875, by Colonization Roads Branch of the Crown Lands Department.—*Continued.*

NAME OF WORKS.	NAME OF OVERSEER.	Rate per day paid Overseer.	Rate per day paid Foreman.	Rate per day paid Labourers.	Total amount expended under Overseer.	REMARKS.
Peterson Road	P. Vankleek	\$ cts. 2 50	\$ cts. 1 25	\$ cts. 62	\$ cts. 978 75	On account.
Doe Lake Road	D. Campbell	2 50	1 25	77	1696 65	
Monck Road	J. Graham	2 50	1 25	69	1303 48	
Ferry Sound Road repairs	Wm. Schofield	2 50	1 25	1 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1012 00	Without board.
Dalton and Washago	J. Holland	2 50	1 50	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	647 93	On account.
Kingston and Perth	Wm. Walsh	2 00	None.	1 15	501 29	Without board.
Cameron Road	Joseph Staples	3 00	None.	69	780 13	Municipal affair; only \$300 from Department.
Oso and Olden Road	John Burk	2 00	None.	70	300 00	On account.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

THURSDAY, 20th January, 1876, 11 o'clock, A.M.

Committee met.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, *Chairman*,

Hon. Messrs. Crooks & Wood,

Messrs. Clarke (Wellington),

Ferris,

Gibson,

Messrs. Hardy,

Hay,

Ross,

Striker.—10.

Consideration of accounts, vouchers, &c., connected with Central Prison, proceeded with.

Accounts of George Harding, Plumbing, Gas-fitting, Lock-smithing, &c.

Mr. Tully gave an explanation with regard to an account of Mr. Harding, for extra work, amounting to \$263.75, which he said was for a better class of pendants that were put up in the Warden's apartments. The Warden did not seem to be satisfied with the pendants to be put up according to Mr. Harding's contract, and the Commissioner and Mr. Langmuir went down to Mr. Harding's establishment, and chose a better class of pendants for his (the Warden's) apartments only, and Mr. Harding merely charged as extra the difference between those according to contract, and those that were put up.

Another account of Mr. Harding's, amounting to \$3,740.00, was, Mr. Tully explained, that this amount includes the steam apparatus for all the additional heating for the upper tier of cells in the two wings. It took about 5,000 additional feet of piping for extra coils. Mr. Harding was paid at the regular trade prices for such work.

The following account explains the whole of Mr. Harding's transactions, at the Central Prison :—

(Copy)

George Harding.

Cr.			
1873.			
Oct. 13.—By Extra work as per 25.....		\$ 132 71	
1874.			
Jan'y. 10.— " " " 7.....		279 91	
" " " Lead " 10.....		120 53	
" 23.— " " " 19.....		60 00	
March 14.— " Contract for heating and lighting shops.....		2,486 00	
" 27.— " Extra work in shops as per 82.....		628 80	
April 7.— " Lead as per 102.....		96 62	
" 22.— " " account.....		60 36	
May 20.— " Amount of Agreement.....		5,347 48	
" " " Extras as per Statement.....		3,739 65	
June 16.— " Extra work on Water Closets, as per Statement.....			
		\$297 70	
Laundry as per Statement.....		801 06	
		1098 76	
Less deductions		493 10	
		605 66	
August 5.—By Extra work as per Statement.....			\$13,557 72
			1,235 53
To amount from Dr.....			\$14,793 25
			12,816 36
Balance due.....			\$1,976 89
Approved,	Correct,	(Signed)	KIVAS TULLY,
C. F. Fraser, Commissioner,			Architect.

The accounts of Thomas' Lalor & Sons, for plumbing, gas-fitting lock-smithing, &c., amounting to \$3,425.26, were examined. Accounts, vouchers, &c., were found correct and passed.

These accounts were for a contract, Messrs. Lalor & Sons had for putting the Simultaneous Locking Patent, &c., on the prison doors; also, making iron doors and shutters.

Accounts, vouchers, &c., of Hugh Hennessy, were next produced, for iron work, amounting to \$2,361.70.

Mr. Tully explained, that Mr. Hennessy's contract was, for to make the locks and put them in. Account produced, amounting to \$356.00 for extra days' work, Mr. Tully said, was for days work in cleaning and oiling locks that had been delivered by Mr. Hennessy, as part of his contract, but in consequence of being delivered before they were required, they were boxed up and got rusted, so they required to be cleaned and oiled. He had to send men to fit them in here. His contract was to fit them in Hamilton, this is the reason he was allowed it.

The locks charged for at \$14.00 each, were extra locks, and were more complicated; they had to open from both sides; they were more expensive than the contract locks.

Another account of Mr. Hennessy, amounting to \$413.80, 198 days, putting plates on cells doors and freeing doors, Mr. Tully said the Department supplied the doors, and some of them were not perfectly true, and he had to make them to fit easy, and put a plate on the inside so as the prisoners could not put their hands through, to tamper with the lock. This was recommended by the Inspector.

Accounts passed.

D. S. Keith, account for Cooking Range, &c., amounting to \$1,175.00, examined and passed.

Accounts of George Bingham, amounting to \$1,153.54, for Iron-work, was next examined.

Mr. Tully said that Mr. Bingham had a contract, and some items charged as extra work were charged at the ordinary price for such work.

Mr. Tully further explained, that it was originally intended that the roof of the third tier of cells should be brick arched, but were afterwards changed to wood ceiling joice, and covered with sheet iron. The iron was purchased from Rice Lewis & Co., by tender, (their tender being the lowest) and Mr. Bingham's accounts were for putting on the iron.

Accounts passed.

M. O'Conner, Painting, Glazing, &c., amounting to \$2,884.46. This was also done by contract, and the extra work charged was done at the trade price, as published by the painters of Toronto.

Accounts passed.

Neil Currie & Co., Iron-work, accounts produced amounting to \$1,100.00.

Mr. Tully explained, that \$1,000 of this sum was for balance of contract for putting in Tanks, &c., and the extra \$100, was for putting up and taking down scaffolding used for raising the four cupolas of the building. The cupolas were found to be too low and had to be raised some four or five feet to prevent danger of fire. The \$1,000 balance of contract was the 15 per cent. retained by the Government from the firm, until the Tanks were made tight to the satisfaction of the Government.

Accounts passed.

George Evans, Tinsmithing, &c., amounting to \$171.59.

Examined and passed.

John Duckworth, Plastering, &c., amounting to \$1,224.90. To stand until next meeting of Committee.

Committee adjourned at 1.10 o'clock, until to-morrow, Friday, 21st January, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
FRIDAY, 21st Jan., 1876, 11 o'clock, A.M.

Committee met.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, <i>Chairman.</i>	Messrs. Gibson,
Hon. Messrs. Crooks and Wood,	" Hay,
" Clarke (<i>Wellington</i>),	" Ross,
" Ferris,	" Striker.—9.

Continuation of examination of account and vouchers of John Duckworth & Co., Plastering, &c., amounting to \$1,224.90.—Accounts passed.

R. Rennie, Slating \$1,323 50

Mr. *Tully* said this was a balance of contract. Tenders were called for, for this work, and Mr. Rennie was the lowest.—Accounts passed.

H. T. Sarge, Carpenter work \$578 96

Mr. *Tully* explained that this was for building stairs. This was done by agreement as to the price he was to receive. This man does nothing else but build stairs.—Accounts passed.

J. B. Smith, Carpenter work 231 00

Mr. *Tully* said this account was for lumber.—Account passed.

J. Davidson, Carpenter work \$114 46
Also for lumber.—Passed.

John Clements & Son, Carpenter work \$49 50
Also for lumber.—Passed.

W. W. Colwell & Bros., Carpenter work \$1,728 30
Also for lumber.—Passed.

Canada Car Co., an Account of Contract \$3,548 18
Passed.

John Lamb, Stone \$3,998 65

Mr. *Tully* said this was done by agreement. It was in the first place intended that flagging should be laid, but it was afterwards found out that by making artificial stone flooring, would be about a third cheaper, and the conclusion was come to, to substitute this for the flagging. We made the contract with Mr. Lamb, with Mr. Elliott's consent.—Passed.

Thomas Snarr, Stone \$1,093 40

Mr. *Tully* explained that this was for Ohio Sand Stone supplied after the work was taken out of Mr. Elliott's hands, it was furnished on Mr. Elliott's account, and paid for out of the balance coming to him.—Passed.

John Esson, Stone	\$1,565 87
Joseph Gearing, Stone	128 18
James Farquhar & Co., Stone	530 10

Mr. *Tully* said these three accounts were same as Mr. Snarr's.—Passed.

A. W. Godson, Stone \$1,527 13

Mr. *Tully* said this was for gravel for the roads. It was delivered by tender. Tenders were called for by public advertisement, and Mr. Godson's was the lowest.—Passed.

W. & G. Farquhar, Stone..... \$1,992 53

Mr. *Tully* said this was for broken stone, it was not delivered by tender; Messrs. Farquhar have a machine for breaking the stone. We paid \$18.00 per tonne for this stone.—Passed.

West & Taylor, Stone. \$2,257 47

Mr. *Tully* said this was for gravel, and was delivered by tender. Tenders were called for by public advertisement.—Passed.

M. Townsley, Brick..... \$500 00
Passed.

Ridout & Co., Hardware..... \$206 40
Passed.

Rice, Lewis & Co., Hardware \$4,141 81

Mr. *Tully* explained that this account was principally for Sheet Iron, &c., supplied by tender. The sheet iron was used for the ceiling of the third tier of cells. Mr. *Tully* further stated to the Committee that he checked all these accounts himself and one of his draftmen always checked the extensions, and he Mr. *Tully*, saw that the prices charged were correct, and also that the material had been delivered.—Passed.

P. Patterson & Son, Hardware..... \$30 80
Passed.

W. Hewett & Co., Hardware 216 24
Passed.

W. Anderson, Hardware. \$335 70
Passed.

Boatman & Kelly, Hardware \$13 97
Passed.

B. Watson, Drain Pipes, &c \$168 28
Passed.

Thomas Nightingale & Co., Drain Pipes, &c. \$69 35
Passed.

J. Marwood, Drain Pipes, &c. \$1 05
Passed.

Consumers' Gas Company, Gas Pipes..... \$916 60

Mr. *Tully* explained that there was an agreement entered into with the Gas Company to lay the pipes up King street to the Prison, and the Government was to pay for the pipes that were laid within the prison grounds only.—Passed.

A. Milligan & Co., Cement..... \$183 60
Passed.

Toronto Lime Co., Lime..... \$430 04
Passed.

J. Kennedy, Sand..... \$21 00

Mr. *Tully* said the agreement was \$1.00 per load for this sand, it had to be drawn three miles.—Passed.

Tracy McGough, Earth filling..... \$705 40

Mr. *Tully* said this was done by tender.—Passed.

P. Burns, Fuel..... \$64 00

Passed.

Grand Trunk Railway Co., Grading..... \$202 36

Mr. *Tully* explained that this item was for building the siding to connect with the prison. The Railway Company did the whole work, including supplying the rails, and the sum was paid as the Government proportion of the grading, as per agreement.—Passed.

Grand Trunk Railway Co., Freight..... \$44 00

Passed.

Great Western Railway Co., Freight..... \$7 04

Passed.

Sundry persons, cab hire..... \$119 75

Passed.

J. P. Wagner, services as Superintendent.....	\$2,071 91	—Passed.
James Price, do Measuring work on Elliott's contract.....	282 50	do
George Taylor, do Clerk of Works.....	588 00	do
H. W. Eddis, do Accountant.....	262 50	do
W. Lundy, do Clerk.....	224 00	do
H. Munro, jr., do Clerk	183 30	do
P. Scully, do Superintendent of making roads.....	180 00	do
M. Clarkson, do Engineer Superintendent machinery.....	175 00	do
A. Smith, do	16 63	do
John Knifton, do Clerk.....	35 00	do
Joseph Sheard, do Arbitration between the Government and Elliott	75 00	do

Committee adjourned at 1 o'clock, P.M., until Tuesday, 25th January, at 11 A.M.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
TUESDAY, 25th January, 1876, 11 o'clock, A.M.

Committee met.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow—*Chairman.*

Hon. Messrs. Crooks and Wood.

Messrs. Clarke (Wellington),
Ferris,

Messrs. Gibson,

Hay,
Striker—8.

Page 73. Considered—Sundry accounts for furnishings, as follows, which were produced by Mr. Harris, Accountant, Treasurer's office.

A. R. McMaster & Brothers \$242 88

Mr. *Langmuir*, Inspector of Prisons and Asylums, appeared at the request of the Committee, and explained the different accounts.

As to the mode of procuring these supplies of dry goods furnished by Messrs. McMaster & Co., Mr. Langmuir said a requisition is made out to the Government shewing the articles that are required, and instructions were given to him (Mr. Langmuir) to purchase these things wherever he could do so to the best advantage. We go to several places and get samples as to colours and quality of goods we require, and we purchase at the cheapest place. The accounts are all sent to his (Mr. Langmuir's) office to be certified

to before being paid. This class of goods could not be purchased by tender, as in the first place the sheeting they require is an extra width, 45 inches, and has to be ordered specially from the old country as that width is not made here. And, for instance, such as towels, you cannot describe in a specification exactly what kind of an article you want. We purchase at as low rates as any wholesale merchant can purchase, we being cash purchasers. If we undertook to purchase dry goods by specification there would be a great deal of trouble deciding what was the best goods. I am sure it would be very unwise to ask for tenders for dry goods based upon specifications. In all matters of supplies where we can invite tenders, it has been done.

Accounts Passed.

The following accounts were then examined and passed :—

E. Remington & Sons, Furnishings.....	\$188 12
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This was for rifles, revolvers, &c., for the guards.

Copp, Clark & Co., furnishings, (for books for the library of prison)	178 25
Hughes Bros., furnishings (for blankets and quilts)	179 95
Hunter, Rose & Co., furnishings	317 45

Mr. Langmuir explained that this was for printing forms and requisitions. They were given to Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., because they were the Government printers.

William Scott, furnishings	\$93 88
Connor, Webb & Co. "	92 47
John Fensom "	85 78
John McDonald & Co. "	63 00
W. H. Sparrow "	52 40
R. Wilkes & Co. "(for clocks)	48 90
Thomson & Burns "	58 20
F. W. Unit "	34 80
E. J. Burnham "	70 51
N. L. Piper & Son "	62 35
Adam, Stevenson & Co. "	184 81

Mr. Langmuir explained that this account was also for books for Prison Library. The books for the library were all purchased from those two firms, Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co., and Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. They were all subject to a trade discount of 25%. Mr. Langmuir further explained that it was only when a prisoner's conduct for the week was good, that they allowed them a book to read and a candle in their cell.

Lugsdin and Bennett, furnishings	\$26 00
Nelson & La Fort, "	14 55
Standard Laundry Machinery Co "	438 96
Thos. Short, sundries	234 57

Mr. Langmuir explained that Mr. Short was Bursar of the Prison, and there were always small items to be paid for cash, such as freight and express charges, and sundry other such items, and the Bursars of the different institutions were each furnished with an accountable warrant for \$250, and they had to send in a statement of what they paid out, accompanied by the vouchers, at the end of every month.

A. Montgomery, sundries	\$ 4 85
T. K. Rogers, "	202 36

Mr. Langmuir said this account was for hay and straw furnished while the Government had horses working at the prison.

Mr. Langmuir next explained the items on page 122 of Public Accounts for 1874 as follows :—

Hospital \$171 05

Mr. *Langmuir* said this was for a supply of medicine purchased for the prison by Dr. Aikins, it was purchased from Messrs. Lyman & Co. and Hugh Miller.

Butcher's meat, fish, &c \$2,530 39

This Mr. *Langmuir* said was supplied by contract. Tenders were advertised for. 5½ cents per lb. was the contract price for the meat.

Flour, bread and meal \$2,888 35

Also, contract. \$5 20 was the price paid for flour. They use one-third fall, and two-thirds spring wheat.

Groceries and vegetables \$3,274 39

The groceries are purchased in the same way as the dry goods. Mr. *Langmuir* said that they had found out from experience that this was a much better mode of purchasing groceries than by contract.

Bedding and clothing \$3,596 60

Purchased in the best markets.

Fuel \$6,149 97

Contract. Tenders called for.

Light \$332 86

This was furnished by the City Gas Company at the ordinary city rates.

Laundry, soap and cleaning \$461 06

This was for washing clothes and cleaning cells, &c. This amount was for material only, the labour was done by the prisoners.

Stationery, advertising, printing, postage, &c. \$435 65

Mr. *Langmuir* said a requisition was sent to the Queen's Printer for what stationery was required for the prison. The advertising was for advertising for tenders for certain supplies. Mr. *Langmuir* further said that where tenders were called, they invariably gave the contracts to the lowest tenders.

Libraries, schools and lectures \$79 00

Mr. *Langmuir* explained that this item was for cab hire for the clergy and teachers in Sabbath Schools, which they had in the chapel every Sabbath. They had both a Protestant and a Roman Catholic clergyman preaching there for the instruction of the prisoners, and some of the citizens of Toronto go up and teach in the Sabbath School.

Furniture and furnishings \$314 61

Mr. *Langmuir* said that in every institution of this kind they were always requiring some little things that had been omitted when furnishing.

Repairs \$217 60

This was for repairs to building and furniture. The sum of \$500 was voted each year for this service.

Unenumerated \$459 01

Mr. *Langmuir* said this was for some items that could not be very well put under any heading.

Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville, was the next subject taken under consideratio

Mr. *Langmuir* explained what the different accounts were for as they were brought up, as follows—

D. S. Keith, on account of contract..... \$2,633 15

John Forin, do 300 00

Lewis Kerr, do lumber 209 97

This account was for lumber purchased on instructions from my office. We have a

certain number of students that are being instructed in carpenter and joiner's work. They do all the repairing around the building.

J. M. Walker & Co., lumber.....	\$103 23
Same as Lewis & Kerr.	
W. H. Worth, plastering, &c.....	213 20
Gardiner & Wilkins, do	124 57
J. Lang, slating.....	44 50
William Johnston, carpenter work.....	20 62
William Wensley, painting.....	55 87
Charles Lang, whitewashing.....	91 50
do planting, &c.....	104 25

The last item of planting, Mr. Langmuir explained, was for putting in shade trees, but the soil was so poor that they are not getting on at all.

Thomas Jones, trees.....	27 50
James Glass & Co., hardware.....	28 58
Ridout & Co., filters for hall.....	17 30
R. Hay & Co., furniture.....	31 08

Mr. Langmuir said this item was for extra bedsteads.

J. Hibbard & Son, mattresses, &c.....	155 75
G. C. Holton & Co., carpeting	127 47

This carpeting was for carpeting three rooms for the Head Keeper that was appointed, and also for an extra lady teacher.

N. Jones, furnishings	37 16
J. J. Frost, do	62 28
Beardmore & Co., leather.....	565 73

Mr. Langmuir explained that the boots and shoes for all the other Public Institutions in the Province were now made in this Institution, and this account was for their first supply of leather. Mr. Langmuir further explained that the Institutions were all charged with what they got from this Institution, and credit was given this Institution for the different amounts.

A. Christie, to pay sundries.....	\$50 25
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Mr. Tully said that Mr. Christie was Bursar of the Institution, and this amount was for sundry disbursements made by him, for which he returned vouchers to the Department.

Mr. Langmuir further explained the mode of procuring supplies of groceries for the different Institutions. He said the Bursar of each Institute made out a requisition of what he required for three months in advance, and the goods were either purchased by Mr. Langmuir himself, or purchased by samples sent to the Department by the Bursar, and approved of as to quality and price. He, Mr. Langmuir, made all the purchases for the different Institutions in Toronto himself, but sometimes he had to make the purchases for some of the Institutions outside of Toronto, as he said, by samples sent from the different Bursars. Mr. Langmuir further said that he did not think they could be purchased to advantage by tender, as they had found out by experience that when they had given out tenders the goods delivered were not always as per specification—there would always be an inferior tea, or something else shoved on to them. Mr. Langmuir further said that the cost of maintaining a lunatic seven years ago was \$150 per annum, and now, when everything is higher, it is only \$128. As to coal, Mr. Langmuir said they got it very cheap by advertising for tenders in the spring. He said they had soft coal delivered to them as low as \$4 80 per ton in Toronto, and had had it delivered in London as low as \$4 90. He said he always sent specification to the coal dealers in the States.

BLIND INSTITUTE, BRANTFORD.

Page 75.—Mr. Linn explained the accounts of this Institution, amounting to \$8,071 40

ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE, TORONTO.

Page 114.—By deposited to the credit of the Treasurer..... \$16,048 06

Mr. Clarke (of Wellington) asked Mr. Langmuir to explain what this amount was for.

Mr. Langmuir said it was principally the amount received from paying patients and for some stock that was sold.

Mr. Notman, Accountant and Queen's Printer, was then called to explain mode of procuring stationery, &c.

Mr. Notman said it was all supplied by contract. Tenders were advertised for every year, and the lowest tender was accepted. He said that everything was bought in the Canadian market. The reason the change was made of buying here, instead of importing as formerly, was because certain of the dealers here made complaints to the Government that they thought it was hardly right to take the trade out of their hands here, when they could furnish the stationery at as low prices as it could be imported for. The rates now are as cheap as in former times. It is very surprising the low rates at which they tender. It is all imported paper that we use. Mr. Notman further stated that it was their intention to get a cheaper paper next year, as it was represented to him that if he got a better class of paper than he had been in the habit of supplying the different departments they would use less, but he had found out by experience that they used more. The stationery is furnished the different departments on a requisition from the Deputy Head, and he, Mr. Notman, kept all those requisitions, and could show at any time where every sheet of the paper went.

Page 74.—Mr. Harris produced all pay-sheets for Central Prison amounting to \$37,378
16.

Dr. May, of the Education Office, was ordered to be notified to appear before Committee to-morrow.

Committee adjourned at 12.35 o'clock, until to-morrow, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
TORONTO, Wednesday, 26th January, 1876.
11 o'clock, A. M.

Committee met.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, <i>Chairman.</i>	Messrs. Gibson,
" Messrs Crooks and Wood,	" Hay,
" Boulter,	" Striker.—8.
" Clarke (<i>Wellington</i>),	

All Accounts, vouchers, &c., in connection with expenditure on account of the Education Department were produced.

Dr. Hodgins and Dr. May were also present to make such explanations as the Committee might require in reference to these accounts.

Page 53.—H. J. Morgan, maps, books, &c \$300 80

Dr. Hodgins explained that this was for pamphlets, &c., got from Mr. Morgan in connection with a History of Canada they were getting up. He further said that Mr. Morgan had a lot of these rare pamphlets, &c., that they required, and they exchanged with Mr. Morgan and allowed him this three hundred dollars difference in the exchange. Mr. Morgan, he said, was quite a collector of such things, and this was a very valuable collection indeed. They will be accessible to the public in a short time, as some of them have

been bound, and the balance would shortly be bound also, as the Treasurer had given them a small grant this year for that purpose.—Account passed.

Rowsell & Hutchinson, books	\$13 80—passed.
A. Fiddington"	53 27—passed.
A. Dredge & Co., binding	972 25

Dr. Hodgins explained that part of this account of Dredge & Co., was for binding some of those pamphlets got from Mr. Morgan.—Account passed.

Hunter, Rose & Co., binding	\$10 00
account passed.	

Sundry persons, journals, &c	\$75 57—passed.
R. Spencer, curiosities	150 00—passed.

Dr. May explained that this account of R. Spencer was for a complete set of books &c., in reference to the Esquimaux, and clothing and cooking utensils used by them. This Mr. Spencer had been exhibiting them, and when he came to us first he asked something like \$600 for them, but of course we could not think of giving any such price, and we afterwards bought them from him for this sum, \$150. It is a very unique and valuable collection. Dr. May further said that the Legislature voted them \$3,000 per annum for library and museum.

Copp, Clark & Co., curiosities	\$132 00
account passed.	

Dr. May said this was for a collection, showing food and the various adulterations.—Passed.

J. Clements & Son, decorating, &c.....	\$653 19.
account passed.	

Dr May said that this account was for fitting up a room for showing the engravings, &c. This was done by contract and after being finished was valued at \$1,200.—Passed.

Edmund Bell, casts, &c	\$265 77
account passed.	

This account of Mr. Bell's Dr. May explained was for fitting up the statuary in what they call the Egyptian room. They are beautifully fitted up ; they are placed in niches in the walls. It was impossible to get this work done by contract. I overlooked the men myself while they were at work there.—Passed.

G. Freret, casts, &c	\$2 00—passed.
F. Casci, pillars, &c.....	54 00—passed,
E. J. Potter, mirrors, &c.....	439 67

Dr. May said this account was for glass furnished for the room done by Clements & Son. There are three mirrors there, showing concave, and convex, and semi-concave.—Passed.

Rolph, Smith & Co., stamps	\$20 00—passed.
W. Elliott, painting, &c	356 30

Dr. May said this account was for painting the figures in the Egyptian room. The figures are painted to represent as near as possible the originals, when found. Dr. May further stated that he was in England during the past summer, and found that they were just then doing in the South Kensington Museum what we have done here.—Passed.

J. B. Carter, painting, &c	\$16 91—passed.
A. Hamilton,"	5 70—passed.

John Rogers, carpenter work	\$30 50—passed.
R. Hay & Co., furniture.....	11 10—passed.
P. Burns, fuel	50 00—passed.
Rev. Dr. Ryerson, to defray express charges, &c.....	71 38—passed.
M. Marshall, twelve months salary as caretaker	200 00

Dr. May explained that M. Marshall was a female caretaker.—Passed.

JOURNAL OF EDUCATION.

The only item that an explanation was asked for under this head was:—

E. J. Potter, supplies	\$113 02
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Dr. Hodgins explained that this account was for the English periodicals relating to Education that were purchased through Mr. Potter. Mr. Potter, Dr. Hodgins said, was their agent in London, and the payment was made through him, although Mr. Owen was really the person who supplied them.—Account passed.

MAPS, APPARATUS, LIBRARY AND PRIZE BOOKS.

Copp, Clark & Co., Sundry Supplies	\$4,738 71
Dr. May said this was for Maps, &c.—Passed.	

Hunter, Rose & Co	\$1,011 02
Dr. May said this was for Printing.—Passed	

Burns Bros., Sundry Supplies.....	\$531 40
Dr. May said this was done by tender.—Passed.	

Dr. May further explained that they divided up the contract for Binding and Stationery, and give it to three different firms.

A Dredge & Co., Sundry Supplies	\$1,283 39
J. B. Carter, "	4,848 76
Those two accounts were Passed.	

Charles Potter, Sundry Supplies	\$2,272 31
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Dr. May said these accounts were for Maps and Phrenological charts, &c., for the Schools.—Passed.

John Rogers, Sundry Supplies	\$835 05
For Map cases, &c.—Passed.	

D. & J. Sadlier & Co., Sundry Supplies	\$1,586 33
For Roman Catholic Separate School Books.—Passed.	

E. J. Potter, Sundry Supplies.....	\$1,600 81
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Dr. May said, for appliances &c., ordered in England. We can purchase these things through Mr. Potter very much cheaper, as he goes and selects himself. He always sends us samples, and we order by the sample.—Passed.

J. D. Trigg, Sundry Supplies	\$2,237 21
This was for the Christian Knowledge Society's publications in London.—Passed.	

Rentledge & Sons, Sundry Supplies.....	\$2,557	19
W. P. Nimmo, do	1,436	65
T. Nelson & Sons, do	834	69
W. McIntosh, do	256	49
Brewer & Tileston do	448	06
—Passed.		

May & Co., Sundry Supplies	435	93
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Dr *May* explained that this account was for chemicals, &c., furnished by contract. Tenders were called for, and it was given to the lowest tender. Hon Mr. *Crooks* had since issued an order, that as my son was the head of this firm we had better not purchase any more goods from them.—Passed.

Nesbitt & Co., Sundry Supplies	\$885	92
Rolph, Smith & Co., Seals for the Schools	869	50
Harper Bros., American Publications	812	71
Ward, Lock & Tyler, English Publications	759	19
J. Campbell & Son, School Books	769	20
Dood & Mead, Sundry Supplies	430	97
American Tract Society, Sundry Supplies	429	63

Those seven items were then passed.

Adam Miller & Co., Sundry Supplies	475	94
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Dr. *Hodgins* explained that this item was for text books for the Normal Schools. In answer to Mr. *Gibson*, Dr. *Hodgins* said, that the students in the Normal Schools paid only one half the cost for their books. This is in accordance with an Act of the Legislature.—Passed.

Joseph Tarn, Sundry Supplies	\$845	32
For Religious Tracts.—Passed.		

J. G. Witte & Bros., Sundry Supplies for the Depository	\$418	39
R. Carter & Bros., for Publications	404	98
George Bell & Sons, for Prizes.....	575	09
John McDonald & Co., for Books	437	74
W. Blackwood & Son, do	365	45
Galt & Inglis, do	303	34
F. Warne & Co., do	671	95
Cassels, Petter & Galpin, do	587	93
W. & R. Chambers, do	275	44
Gould & Lincoln, Maps.....	224	94
W. & A. R. Johnston, Maps	611	77
W. W. Gardiner, Books	113	14
Burns, Oates & Co., Roman Catholic Books	194	27
Seely, Jackson & Halliday, Books	199	38

These accounts were then passed.

C. G. Wheeler, Sundry Supplies	\$120	11
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Dr. *May* explained that this account was for four charts. We have made arrangements to get these from Germany, and can furnish them to the Schools at one-tenth the cost of those we purchased from Wheeler.—Passed.

Dr. *Hodgins* here explained that they manufactured globes now in the Department, and that they had done them much more correctly than they found those that were imported. They manufactured more than were manufactured in England, Ireland, and Scotland together.

The following accounts were then examined and passed, viz. :—

Edmonston & Douglas, Sundry Supplies, Books	\$174 09	
James Reynolds, Charts.....	112 86	
Houlston & Sons, do	253 03	
W. & J. Middleton, Books	108 49	
Lockwood & Co., do	100 52	
W. Stewart, do	133 76	
G. Phillip & Son, do	206 09	
William Legg, Charts	267 11	
Virtue & Co., Books	118 62	
L. Prang & Co., Mottoes for Schools	205 48	
J. Blackwood & Co., Books, &c	164 96	
J. W. Stearns, do	189 79	
J. A. Fowler, do	100 00	
A. S. Barnes & Co., do	231 42	
A. F. Potter, do	266 00	
Sampson & Co., do	173 34	
London Book Society, do	117 51	
London Scholastic Co., do	32 92	
A. & C. Black, do	94 08	
Morgan & Scott, do	89 75	
W. Groombridge & Son, do	90 66	
Oliver & Boyd, do	93 55	
Cameron & Ferguson do	53 95	
W. Isbister & Co., do	92 21	
P. Roberts, Magic Lantern Slides	19 15	
Woolworth & Co., Books	58 20	
J. F. Shaw & Co., do	67 05	
Willing & Williamson, Books.....	13 14	
R. A. Wood, Chemicals	73 10	
S. C. Griggs & Co., Publications.....	73 10	
P. P. Putnam & Co., do	89 61	
(Books.)	Adam Stevenson & Co., Sundry supplies.....	\$32 55
(Wrapping Paper.)	J. Taylor & Brother, “	66 60
(Books.)	Hart & Rawlinson, “	17 43
“	Rev. S. Rose, “	7 50
	McPherson, Ross & Co., Forwarding.....	290 30
	W. Higginbotham & Co., Freight, Wharfage, &c.	317 75
	Rev. Dr. Ryerson, To pay custom duties, &c.	1,397 71
	N. Meehan, Freight and Cartage.....	164 10
	J. P. May, Colouring Maps, Globes, &c.....	950 15

Dr. *May* explained that this last item of \$950.15 was for colouring maps. The rate paid was decided by the Superintendent of Education. The colouring was never so satisfactorily done as at the present time. Tenders were called for in the first place, and the Superintendent allows me the contract price as he prefers having it done by some one connected with the Department. The tender is so much per map. As to the globes it is very hard to get them coloured properly. An artist asked five dollars each for doing them and they are done now for one dollar each.—Passed.

J. G. Hodgins, Re-constructing Maps..... \$458 50

Dr. *Hodgins* explained, That in the time of the Sandfield Macdonald Administration, after I had my salary reduced, Hon. Mr. Macdonald ordered the Chief Superintendent to give me this work to do provided I would be satisfied to take half the price that had been previously paid to outsiders who had the contract. Tenders had been called for in the

usual way, and I was to take half the price of the lowest tender. I accepted, as I was anxious to try to make up to a certain extent for the reduction of my salary, but as yet have not succeeded in making my salary including this extra work come up to what it was previously. I am quite willing to do this work free provided my salary is raised to the former rate. It is very necessary to have these maps correct up to the present time, and I spend my evenings at this work. My salary has not yet been brought back to what it was in 1868. I have represented to the members of the Government that I would be willing to do this work free if my salary was increased to the same rate as it was in 1868. With regard to a certain map that we wanted we applied to the Commissioners of Crown Lands for it, and he said it could not be got up less than \$1,200. I afterwards got it up myself for \$400.—Passed.

COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The only item that information was asked for under this head was on page 57.

Educational Depository—Books.....	\$69 85
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Dr. *Hodgins* explained that this item was for text books for the Council.—Passed.

Dr. *Hodgins* further explained, in answer to a question from a member of the Committee with reference to the purchase of medals for competition, that they were purchased through Mr. Potter in London, and cost only about $\frac{2}{3}$ what they would have to pay for them here.

Page 52.—COUNTY EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS WAS NEXT CONSIDERED.

Dr. *Hodgins* explained that the amount which appears against each of the examination committees is for this extra service. Each of these gentlemen devote their holidays to this work. The Government have agreed to allow them an additional allowance for this year. Dr. *Hodgins* further remarked that it has always been their aim to keep down the expense as much as possible in this Department. In every case where tenders could be called for any particular work it was always done and given to the lowest tender invariably. It is surprising the amount we have saved in this way.—Passed.

Page 75.—The Committee then took into consideration the School of Agriculture, Guelph, and ordered the following accounts to be produced at next meeting.

Jas. Barclay, on account of Contract.....	\$7,240 01
Page 76.—Hy. Graham & Co., Carpeting	343 52
M. Stanton & Bros., Wall Paper.....	180 00
Guthrie, Watt & Cutten, Law Fees.....	360 48
H. McCandless, To pay Sundries	9,000 00

SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

Adam, Stevenson & Co., Apparatus, &c.....	\$1,395 35
Chas. Potter, “	395 25
W. H. Ellis, “	103 85
P. McKellar, “	50 00

NORMAL AND MODEL SCHOOLS, TORONTO.

Joseph Gearing, on account of Contract.....	\$7,152 80
Chas. Potter, Furniture, &c	150 50

NORMAL SCHOOL, OTTAWA.

Mr. R. Strickland, Services Preparing Plans.....	\$1,310 00
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Page 78.—R. Hay & Co., Furniture.....	\$1,016 33
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Page 80.—SETTLERS' HOMESTEADS.

A. Staratt, Clearing, &c.....	\$395 00
Pay List, Men employed.....	3,223 03

KAMINISTIQUA RIVER WORKS.

W. W. Williams & Co., on account of Contract.....	\$9,853 45
Oliver, Davidson & Co., Lumber, Tug Service, &c.....	1,546 51

GULL AND BURNT RIVER WORKS.

Pay List, Men employed.....	\$3,295 03
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PORT CARLING BRIDGE.

Pay List, Men employed.....	\$1,601 59
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Page 87.—CONSIDERATION OF CROWN LANDS.

Forest Ranging.

Mr. Cooper, of the Crown Lands Department, was called before the Committee to explain the mode of paying, and the kind of work these wood Rangers were employed at.

Mr. Cooper said there were what they called three different staffs of Rangers for the Province. One man was put in charge of each district, and he had to do with all these subordinates under him. It is the Ranger's duty to keep a close look out upon the lumber operations going on in his district, and protect the Government from trespass. The lumberman, or his clerk furnishes the different Rangers with a statement of the number of feet of timber, or number of saw logs he has taken out, and if the gauger has any suspicion that all is not right, he goes to work and makes a measurement of all the timber, &c., over again, at the expense of the lumberman who has furnished him with the return. Mr. McWilliams is engaged at a salary of \$2,000 a year, and he pays all his own expenses. He is in charge of the Peterboro' district. If we wish him to go and make a special survey we pay him his railway fare only. He lives at Peterboro'. All the expenses of Rangers are more than compensated for by the amount of trespass we collect. In my opinion it would be a much better system for the Government to have a staff of sworn cullers instead of these Rangers. A regular staff of cullers and a supervisor same as they have at Quebec. All timber is measured through the cullers' office there. There is a collector for our Province at Quebec. There is nothing cut yet in Georgian Bay District. I think it is a great mistake that the cutting of square timber should not be stopped, as the best of the timber is left in the woods. It could be cut in logs of any length required, and sawn and sent to the old country the size it was required and thereby have the labour done in this country where it is now done in the old country.

Committee adjourned at 1 o'clock p.m., until to-morrow, Thursday, 27th January, at 11 o'clock a.m.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
THURSDAY, 27th January, 1876.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, *Chairman.*

" Mr. Crooks,

Messrs. Gibson, Striker, and Clarke (*Wellington.*)—5.

The members present remained until 12 o'clock noon.—No quorum.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
FRIDAY, 28th Jan. 1876, 11 o'clock A.M.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow, *Chairman.*
 " Mr. Crooks,
 Messrs. Gibson and Striker.—4.

No quorum—Members present remained until 11.30 o'clock.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
WEDNESDAY, 2nd February, 1876.

Present :

Messrs. Clarke (*Wellington*),
 " Ross,
 " Striker.—3.

No quorum.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
THURSDAY, 3rd February, 1876.

Present :

Messrs. Clarke (*Wellington*),
 " Gibson.—2.

No quorum.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
FRIDAY, 4th February, 1876, 10.30 o'clock A.M.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Gow—*Chairman.*
 Hon. Messrs. Crooks and Wood.
 " Clarke (*Wellington*),
 " Ferris,
 " Gibson,
 " Hardy,

Messrs. Hay,
 " Ross,
 " Striker.—10.

A draft report was presented by the Chairman, and after being read twice, was carried unanimously.

Committee adjourned at 10.55 o'clock.

Chairman.

The following report was presented to the House this day :—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Public Accounts, beg to present the following as their second and final report :—

The Committee have thoroughly examined the Public Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1874, and made special inquiry into those in connection with the Central Prison and Colonization Roads ; they have carefully compared the whole of the vouchers in these matters, and taken evidence upon such points as they deemed necessary, and submit it with a record of their minutes of proceedings.

The Committee were unable to make a complete inquiry into the Public Accounts of 1875, as the statement laid before them was for nine months of the year, and was not in detailed form. This arises from the fact that it is impossible to bring down the detailed statement for the year until the month of February, or at a time when the labours of the session are generally closed. To obviate this difficulty, the Committee recommend for the consideration of the Legislature such a change in the Financial year as would cause it to commence on the first day of July and close on the thirtieth day of June in each year. A temporary inconvenience would arise from this alternative, but the increased facility for investigation of matters still fresh in the public mind, would more than counterbalance it, and, in the opinion of the Committee, warrant the proposed change.

The Committee find that, wherever practicable, the system of tender and contract has been fully carried out, and that where it was impossible to adopt it, a strict supervision has been exercised over expenditure.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PETER GOW,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Friday, 4th February, 1876.

REPORT
OF
THE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS---1877.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as their

FIRST REPORT.

Your Committee report that at its Session of to-day (30th January, 1877), the following resolution was adopted:—

“That inasmuch as some members of the Committee have met on several occasions but have been unable to proceed at the hour appointed for the meeting of the Committee, the quorum being fixed at the number of nine, and that number not being present; and considerable loss of time having resulted therefrom, it is therefore resolved, That the Chairman be requested to ask the House to reduce the number necessary to form a quorum to the number of Seven,” Your Committee therefore recommend the reduction of the quorum of the Committee to Seven members.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

Committee Room, January 30th, 1877.

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as their

SECOND REPORT.

Your Committee have made a full examination of the Public Accounts for 1875, in so far as they relate to Legislation and Colonization Roads, and herewith submit the evidence taken before them, and a copy of the record and minutes of their proceedings to the present date, and of documents placed before them during their investigations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

Committee Room, February 9th, 1877.

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as their

THIRD REPORT.

Your Committee have taken evidence as to the system followed in obtaining supplies for the maintenance of the Public Institutions of the Province, and submit it here-with for the consideration of the Legislature.

Your Committee have also taken evidence relative to the mode of auditing the Accounts of the County Treasurers for the Administration of Criminal Justice, and present it, together with the Minutes of Proceedings to this date.

All which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

Committee Room, February 16th, 1877.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, January 10th, 1877.

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, composed of the Honourable Messieurs Cameron, Crooks, Macdougall and Wood, Messrs Clarke (*Wellington*), Deacon, Ferris, Gibson, Hardy, Hay, Lauder, Merrick, Meredith, Ross, Striker, Williams and Wills, met for organization.

Present :

Hon. Mr. Wood,	Messrs. Hardy,
Messrs. Clarke, (<i>Wellington</i>),	" Merrick,
" Deacon,	" Meredith,
" Ferris,	" Ross,
" Gibson,	" Williams.

Moved by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Ross,
That Mr. Clarke (*Wellington*), be Chairman of this Committee during the present Session.—Carried.

Adjourned until Tuesday next, the 16th instant, at 11 o'clock A.M.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TUESDAY, 16th January, 1877.

Committee met at 11 A.M. pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

Mr. Clarke (<i>Wellington</i>), <i>Chairman.</i>	Hon. Messrs. Crooks and Macdougall,
Messrs. Deacon,	" Meredith,
" Ferris,	" Ross,
" Gibson,	" Striker,
" Hardy,	" Williams,
" Lauder,	" Wills.
" Merrick,	

Upon motion of Mr. Meredith it was resolved, —That the Committee sit every day (except Mondays and Saturdays) from 11 o'clock A.M., until 1 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Lauder moved that a Sub Committee of three members be appointed to investigate the accounts of Expenditure on Colonization Roads.

After discussion, Mr. Lauder withdrew his motion.

On motion of Mr. Lauder, Mr. Robt. Jaffray and Mr. John Carroll were ordered to be summoned before the Committee to give evidence in reference to expenditure on Colonization Roads, in the way of Groceries supplied.

The Committee proceeded to examine the Public Accounts of the year 1875, beginning at page 28.

The following Items under the head of *Civil Government* were considered.

SALARIES.

Page 28.—Lieutenant-Governor's Office.....	\$1,400 00
" " Departmental Expenses	684 18
" 29.—Government Hous ^a .—Expenses.....	\$5,464 76
" " Executive Council Attorney-General's Office.....	9,149 08
" 30. " " Departmental Expenses.....	3,481 96
" 31.—Treasury Department.....	12,499 98
" " Departmental Expenses	2,436 69
" 32.—East Wing Parliament Buildings.—Repairs, Furnishings, Fuel, Gas, Water, &c.....	3,246 77
" 33.—Secretary and Registrar's Department.....	9,700 00
" " Registrar-General's Branch.....	8,591 00
" 34.—Secretary and Registrar's Office, Expenses.....	2,303 12
" " Registrar-General's Branch.....	2,245 85
" 35.—Public Works Department.—Salaries.....	15,102 00
" " Departmental Expenses	3,210 22
" 36.—Department of Agriculture.—Salary of Secretary.....	800 00
Departmental Expenses	341 18
" 37.—Immigration Department.—Salaries.....	1,600 00
Departmental Expenses	941 25
" 38.—Crown Lands Department.—Salaries.....	39,130 00
" 39.—Departmental Expenses.....	14,401 81
" 41.—Inspection of Public Institutions.—Salaries.....	4,800 00
Expenses.....	1,537 25
Salary of Inspector of Registry Offices.....	2,000 00
" Division Courts	1,400 00
Travelling Expenses Inspection " "	135 35
" " County Offices.....	107 80
42.—Miscellaneous.—Gratuities.....	3,076 00
Printing Official Gazette.....	4,200 00
Queen's Printer's Office.....	1,539 91
 Total Civil Government.....	\$155,526 16

Papers and accounts were asked for in connection with the following items:—

Page 28.—F. C. Law, for Services.....	\$37 67
Newspapers for the Departments	
" 32.—John Kay, Carpeting.....	177 56
" " Henry Graham, & Co., Carpeting	100 15
" 40.—Blake, Kerr & Boyd, Law Costs.....	104 37
" " Edgar Fenton & Ritchie " "	60 00
" " W. F. Lewis, Services as Assistant Registrar.....	850 00
" 41.—R. W. Cruice, Timber Estimate.....	20 00
" " J. W. Langmuir, Travelling Expenses.....	650 00
" " Report of Hon. S. Smith, Inspector of Registration Offices.	2,000 00
" " Joseph Dickey, Expenses as Inspector of Division Courts.	1,400 00
" " Mrs. Helen Crawford's Lease.....	

The Committee ordered that the following persons be summoned before the Committee as witnesses, on the dates named:—

Mr. J. Notman, Queen's Printer.....	To-morrow.
Mr. J. Murphy, Crown Lands' Department.....	"
Mr. Langmuir, Inspector of Prisons.....	"
Mr. Dickey, Inspector of Division Courts.....	Friday next.
Mr. R. Jaffray, Grocer.....	When required.
Mr. John Carroll.....	" "

Adjourned until 11 A.M. to-morrow.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
17th January, 1877.

Committee met.

Present:

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) *Chairman*,
Messieurs Deacon,
" Ferris,
" Gibson,
" Hardy,
" Hay,
" Lauder.

Hon. Messieurs Crooks and Wood,
" Merrick,
" Ross,
" Striker,
" Williams,
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The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following memorandum from Mr. J. G. Scott, of the Attorney General's Office, was read in reply to the order of yesterday, for the production of Mrs. Helen Crawford's Lease. "There is no lease. We are tenants from year to year. There were negotiations for a lease, but the matter was never settled."

Lists of the newspapers received in several Departments were produced and laid before the Committee.

Moved by Mr. Ferris, seconded by Mr. Gibson, and resolved—"That the list of newspapers for the several departments seems to be beyond the requirements of the Public Service, and this Committee recommend that the number be reduced."

In reference to the item of \$37.67 (page 28), F. C. Law, for services, it was explained that he had retired from the service on the 18th May, and was allowed his salary until the end of the month.

In considering the printing account of Messrs Hunter, Rose & Co., Mr. Notman, Queen's Printer, was called, and gave an explanation to the effect that the Government printing was done by an arrangement made between the firm of Hunter Rose & Co. and the Government, in the fall of 1868. The contract would expire next year. The printing was done under the contract up to the time of the printer's strike, in 1873, by which public business was very much delayed, and the matter for printing accumulated in the hands of the printers. The contractors offered to pay the forfeit and give up the contract, but the Printing Committee finding that the work could not be done so cheaply anywhere else, empowered their chairman to make arrangements for the printing of 1873, at the rate of forty cents per thousand ems, instead of twenty-eight cents, the contract price. The Committee refused an increase in the price of the press work, but increased the price of binding to twenty-two cents. The arrangements of the Committee were sanctioned by the House. The increased prices had not been paid for 1875, as an order to that effect had not been made, and payments for 1873 and 1874, had been made on Orders in Council. He did not think Hunter, Rose & Co. were losing money, but they complained a great deal about the price,

(The Chairman remarked that they were willing to give up the contract.)

Mr. Notman further said, that before the printer's strike they were paid twenty-five cents a thousand ems, but since that, Hunter, Rose & Co. had paid them thirty-three and a third cents. The work for which forty cents was paid, would cost fifty cents anywhere else.

Mr. Notman explained as to the method adopted in the purchase of stationery, for which Tenders were annually called, and contracts invariably given to the lowest tender, and said that the amount held from Hunter, Rose & Co., being the difference between original contract prices, and the prices demanded by them, was about four thousand dollars.

Mr. Notman also said that he had repeatedly brought the matter under the notice of the Government, and had not yet received final instructions as to the payment of the balance claimed by Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co.

The items for printing were then adopted.

The following accounts were produced and passed :

Messrs. Blake, Kerr & Boyd.....	\$104 37
" Edgar, Fenton & Ritchie	60 00

Mr. J. Morphy, Postage clerk, Crown Lands Department, being called relative to item of \$300 (on page 39), for postage, explained that the increase of postage in 1875, over 1874, was caused by all postages having to be prepaid in 1875.

Mr. Langmuir appeared before the Committee and explained the item of \$650, for travelling expenses (page 41).

The Committee ordered that Mr. Robert Jaffray, and Mr. John Carroll, be summoned to give evidence to-morrow.

Moved by Mr. Ferris, seconded by Mr. Gibson, and resolved—"That a statement be prepared by the proper officer to be submitted to this Committee, showing the cost of the Central Prison, from the commencement of the works thereon to the 31st December, 1876, and giving under separate heads the amounts expended for land, buildings, machinery, furniture, and improvements of grounds."

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Thursday, January 18, 1877.

Committee met.

Present :

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) *Chairman,*

Messieurs Deacon,

" Ferris,
" Gibson,
" Hardy,
" Lauder,
" Merrick.

Hon. Messieurs Crooks and McDougall,

" Meredith,
" Ross,
" Striker,
" Williams,
" Wills,

The minutes of last meeting were read, corrected, and signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Robert Jaffray, grocer, Toronto, being called and sworn, gave evidence as follows in reference to supplies furnished to the Government for Colonization Roads :—

I reside in Toronto. I have supplied the Government with groceries for Colonization Roads since May, 1874. I was asked by the Crown Lands Department to furnish a list of prices, and to tender for the groceries required. I do not recollect of any advertisement for tenders. I received the letter from the Crown Lands Department in reference to groceries. I sent in my tender. I may have the letter from the Crown Lands Department, and, if so, can find it. I sent my tender to the Crown Lands Department. I received an order on the 15th May, 1874. I had no other communication then from the Crown Lands Department ; only received an order for so much. I cannot state the amount of the order, but the usual

amounts of such orders are from \$60 to \$120. The order was likely signed by T. H. Johnson, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands.

I furnished goods under the same arrangement in 1875. I modified the prices myself somewhat, without any intervention of the Government. The Department did not refrain from complaining when there was any reason for it. There were complaints as to the quality of pork, but not as to prices. I furnished goods in 1875 to the amount of \$7,891 under the old arrangement. During the past season parties claimed that they could furnish teas cheaper than I could, but I found, on comparison, that my teas were better value. I still continue to supply goods, such as teas, coffee, sugar, syrup, beans, dried apples, &c. I do not usually supply pork, but did supply a small quantity, when the quantity tendered for was not sufficient.

I furnished goods in 1874 to the amount of \$6,920.37, and in 1876, the amount of \$2,846.45.

I am a supporter of the present administration; have been chairman of the Hon. Mr. Crooks' Election Committees, and have taken an active part in politics.

There was no written agreement with any official of the government for the supply of goods.

I am a wholesale and retail grocer, but my wholesale business is much the largest. I furnish goods to the Government at wholesale prices. I have no memorandum of prices. It is scarcely possible to take tenders for such goods. I did reply, and sent a list of prices to Crown Lands Department. There was no other agreement except tender. I ship the goods, and send the invoices to the foremen on the Colonization Roads.

In reply to question as to whether Messrs. W. Griffith, F. Smith & Co., P. G. Close & Co., John Smith & Co., R. J. Griffith, and Geo. Michie & Co., had tendered for supplies, the witness said:—

I was aware that most of the prominent merchants of Toronto had been asked to tender.

(Evidence continued).

I do not know as a matter of fact whether my tender was the lowest, but I believe it was.

The following synopsis of tenders received for supplies in 1874 was then read to the witness:—

Name of Party Tendering.	Tea.	Sugar.	Syrup.	Rice.	Soap.	Beans.	Flour.	Dried Apples.
Wm. Griffith....	30 @ 60	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	45	5	5	1 30	cur. price.	cur. price.
F. Smith & Co....	50 " 75	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	45 @ 52	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	cur. price.	"	"
P. G. Close & Co.	35 " 80	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ @ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 " 52	5	5 @ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"
John Smith & Co.	30 " 60	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 9	42 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 55	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ @ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 " 8	"	"	"
R. J. Griffith....	30 " 50	8	47	5	5	1 00	"	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Geo. Michie & Co.	40 " 70	8 . " 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 " 70	5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 " 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	cur. price.	"	cur. price.
J. Jaffray.....	20 " 60	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	34 " 52	5	5	1 40	"	"

Witness.—I think my tender lower than those just read.

(Tenders here handed to witness for examination.)

Witness.—Taking the average prices throughout, I think my tenders were the most favourable.

It would depend on the quality of the goods ordered, and the goods furnished.

Mr. Cashman frequently inspected the goods before they were shipped. I furnished no tea as low as 20c. nor as low as 40c. per lb., unless this year. I did not furnish any syrup as low as 32c. The quality of syrup furnished was as required by the Department.

Syrups in 1875 were higher, and my prices were raised by arrangement with Mr Cashman.

I had no information of a specific character from the Department as to the quality of goods to be furnished, neither had I any intimation that any 20c. tea was required. The contract price of soap was 5c. per lb., and 7c. were charged on account of a better quality being required. I supplied green tea at 60c. and black at 55c. per lb. I also furnished some rice to the Department at 5c. per lb. I was paid by cheque on the Department on the evidence of Mr. Johnson, Assistant Commissioner, or of Mr. Bridgland. I think I furnished tea at less than 55c. These increased prices were by arrangement with Mr. Cashman. There were no arrangements or writings with the Commissioner or the Department. I would have had a greater percentage of profit on the 20c. tea than on the higher priced tea. It is impossible to classify syrups, as names and qualities change. The quality of soap is more easily ascertained and classified by the factory where it is made, and by the brand. The quality of soap sold at 7c. per lb., was a higher grade than tendered for. My reason for saying that my tenders are the lowest, is that my minimum prices are lower, and my maximum prices lower also on an average. I do not believe that any merchant could furnish goods to the Department at a lower rate. The prices of teas sold at the time would range about, as quoted in the tender, or about 60c. I considered my tea as good as any sold in Canada; I do not think we would charge any one 70c. for it wholesale. The tea sold at 60c. would be about the best; that sold at 55c. not quite so good. These teas would retail at about 75c. and 80c. The sugar furnished was of medium quality. The syrup was of the best ordinary quality. The teas furnished was Young Hyson and Black tea of the best quality, but not fancy teas. My profits would be about ten per cent. My tenders are as specific as others. I furnished supplies for different roads. The superior quality of soap was sent by order of the Department through Mr. Cashman. I charged wholesale prices for all.

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Mr. Jaffray's examination resumed.

Mr. Cashman, and one of the foremen came to me and complained of the quality of soap for which they had paid 7 cents per lb. to the party who had supplied them previous to 1874. They selected the quality of soap for which I charged 7 cents wholesale. I made less percentage of profit on the soap supplied than I would have done by supplying the article that was mentioned in my tender. By furnishing the higher priced soap the additional expense to the Department would be about \$36 per annum. I believe the best quality is the most economical. I cannot account for the difference in the qualities supplied in 1875 and 1876. I know positively that there is a modification of prices in 1876 in teas, but cannot say whether there was any modification in 1874 or 1875 with regard to the other goods. I cannot tell the brand of the soap delivered throughout, but the quality would be about equal to what is known as gold and silver bar.

(Signed) ROBERT JAFFRAY.

On the motion of Mr. Lauder it was ordered,—That the Tenders for supplies and a synopsis of the accounts for 1874 and 1875, giving prices and quantities of goods furnished by Mr. Jaffray, be recorded in the minutes.

It was also ordered,—That Mr. J. W. Bridgland and Mr. C. Cashman be summoned to give evidence to-morrow.

Adjourned.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
FRIDAY, 19th January, 1877.

Committee met.

Present :

Mr. Clarke (Wellington), <i>Chairman,</i>	Hon. Messieurs Crooks and Macdougall,
Messieurs Deacon,	" Meredith,
" Ferris,	" Ross,
" Gibson,	" Striker,
" Hardy,	" Williams,
" Lauder,	" Wills.
" Merrick,	

On motion of Mr. Meredith it was resolved,—That all requisitions for witnesses and papers be put in writing and handed to the Chairman.

Mr. Meredith also moved,—That the Tenders, circulars, or requisitions for Tenders ; and Accounts for the supply of Groceries or other supplies to the several Public Institutions for the years 1874 and 1875, be produced at the next meeting of the Committee.—Carried.

Lists of the several newspapers received by the following Departments, &c., were laid before the Committee.

Reading Room, Legislative Assembly.
Attorney-General's Office.
Treasury Department.
Public Works "
Crown Lands "
Prov'l. Secretary's "
Immigration "

Mr. Meredith moved that the lists now produced be entered in the minutes.—Carried.

(See appendix to this day's minutes.)

On motion of Mr. Meredith, the following accounts were ordered to be produced :—

Page 43.—Messrs Blake, Kerr, & Boyd.....	\$346 43
" 44.—James Barber.....	2,973 47

On motion of Mr. Lauder, the following accounts were ordered to be produced :—

Page 43.—J. Stovel.....	\$48 00
" " T. Philips.....	465 00
" " Lash & Co.....	440 40
" " G. Harrison.....	196 50

On motion of Mr. Lauder, it was ordered that Mr. R. H. Ramsay, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Card and Mr. Judd be summoned to give evidence before this Committee, Mr. Ramsay for Tuesday next. His accounts with the Department to be also produced.

Committee adjourned until Tuesday next.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

Lists of Newspapers received by the Departments, Reading Room, &c., as asked for by Resolution this day.

READING ROOM, HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Where Published.	Name of Paper.	Where Published.	Name of Paper.
Acton	Free Press	Ingersoll	Chronicle
Almonte	Gazette	Do	Oxford Tribune
Alliston	Star	Kincardine	Review
Amherstburgh	Echo	Do	Bruce Reporter
Arnprior	Canadian Times	Kingston	News
Arthur	Enterprise	Do	Whig
Aurora	Banner	Lindsay	Victoria Warden
Aylmer	Paper	Do	Post
Barrie	Northern Gazette	Listowel	Banner
Do	Northern Advance	Do	Marturion
Do	Examiner	London	Free Press
Belleville	Daily Ontario	Do	Advertiser
Do	Daily Intelligencer	Do	Herald
Berlin	Telegraph	Do	Farmer's Advocate
Bobcaygeon	Independent	L'Orignal	Advertiser
Bothwell	Times	Markdale	Expositor
Bowmanville	Observer	Markham	Economist
Do	Statesman	Meaford	Monitor
Do	Merchant	Millbrook	Messenger
Bradford	West Durham News	Milton	Canadian Champion
Brampton	South Simcoe News	Do	Weekly Press
Do	Banner	Mitchell	Advocate
Brantford	Courier	Morrisburgh	Courier
Do	Canadian Temp. Advocate	Mount Forest	Dundas County Herald
Brighton	Ensign	Do	Examiner
Brockville	Recorder	Montreal	Confederate
Do	Monitor	Do	Gazette
Brussels	Post	Do	Herald
Cannington	North Ontario Gleaner	Do	Witness
Carleton Place	Herald	Napanee	Standard
Cayuga	Haldimand Advocate	Do	Express
Chatham	Banner	Do	Casket
Do	Planet	Do	Ontario Beaver
Clinton	New Era	New Hamburg	Volksblatt
Cobourg	Star	Newmarket	Era
Do	Sentinel	Do	North York Reformer
Do	Advertising World	New York	Herald
Colborne	Express	New York	Scottish American Journal
Collingwood	Bulletin	Norwood	Register
Do	Enterprise	Oakville	Express
Dundas	True Banner	Orangeville	Sun
Dunville	Gazette	Do	Advertiser
Elmham	Chronicle	Orillia	Packet
Elmira	Enzeiger	Do	Expositor
Elora	Observer	Do	Times
Do	Lightning Express	Oshawa	Vindicator
Exeter	Times	Do	Ontario Reformer
Embro	Planet	Ottawa	Citizen
Fergus	News Record	Do	Free Press
Fenelon Falls	Gazette	Owen Sound	Times
Forest	Express	Do	Advertiser
Galt	Dumfries Reformer	Palmerston	Telegraph
Do	Reporter	Paisley	Advocate
Gananoque	Reporter	Paris	Star
Georgetown	Halton Herald	Do	Transcript
Goderich	Huron Signal	Parkhill	Gazette
Do	Star	Pembroke	Observer
Glencoe	Transcript	Do	Standard
Guelph	Daily Herald	Perth	Expositor
Do	Evening Mercury	Do	Courier
Hamilton	Christian Advocate	Petrolia	Advertiser
Do	New Dominion	Peterborough	Times
Do	Evening Times	Do	Examiner
Do	Spectator	Do	Review
		Parry Sound	[North Star]

READING ROOM, HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY—*Continued.*

Where published.	Name of Paper.	Where Published.	Name of Paper.
Picton	Gazette	Thorold	Post
Do	Times	Toronto	Globe
Do	New Nation	Do	Mail
Port Dover	Erie Sun	Do	Leader
Port Elgin	Free Press	Do	Monetary Times
Port Hope	Times	Do	Christian Guardian
Do	Guide	Do	Church Herald
Port Perry	North Ontario Observer	Do	British Amer. Presbyterian
Do	Standard	Do	Journal of Education
Port Rowan	Spirit of the Age	Do	National
Prescott	Telegraph	Do	Orange Sentinel
Preston	Canadesche Evangelist	Do	Weekly Advertiser
Prince Arthur's Landing	Thunder Bay Sentinel	Do	Evangelical Churchman
Renfrew	Mercury	Do	Sanitary Journal
Richmond Hill	York Herald	Do	Irish Canadian
Sarnia	Canadian	Do	Tribune
Do	Observer	Do	Observer
Sault Ste. Marie	Algoma Pioneer	Trenton	Courier
Do	Northern Light	Uxbridge	Journal
Seaford	Huron Expositor	Do	Guardian
Shelburne	Free Press	Walkerton	Telescope
Simcoe	Norfolk Reformer	Do	Die Glocke
Do	British Canadian	Do	Bruce Herald
St. Catharines	Daily News	Waterford	Star
Do	Evening Journal	Waterloo	Chronicle
St. Thomas	Home Journal	Do	Banernfreund
Do	Weekly Despatch	Welland	Tribune
Do	Times	Do	Telegraph
Stratford	Beacon	Whitby	Gazette
Do	Herald	Do	Chronicle
Strathroy	Colonist	Windsor, Essex	Recorder
Do	Western Despatch	Do	Times
Teeswater	Age	Wingham	Times
Thamesville	News	Do	Review
Thornbury	Express	Woodstock	Sentinel
Tilsonburgh	Union Standard	Do	Times
	Observer		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Halifax, N.S.	Morning Chronicle	Quebec	Saturday Budget
Do	Nova Scotian	Eganville	Freeman
St. Johns	Daily News	Simcoe	Erie Sun
Do	Telegraph	Drayton	New Era

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Where Published.	Name of Paper.	Where Published.	Name of Paper.
Amherstburgh	Echo	Kingston	News
Barrie	Examiner	Do	Whig
Do	Gazette	London	Advertiser
Belleville	Ontario	Do	Ont. Teacher & Home Com.
Berlin	Telegraph	Do	Free Press
Bracebridge	Free Grant Gazette	Lindsay	Post
Brampton	Times	Milton	Champion
Do	Banner	Montreal	Gazette
Cornwall	Gazette	Do	Herald
Guelph	Mercury	Morrisburg	Herald
Hamilton	Spectator	Orangeville	Advertiser
Do	Times	Ottawa	Citizen
Ingersoll	Chronicle	Do	Free Press

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE—*Continued.*

Where Published.	Name of Paper.	Where Published.	Name of Paper.
Perth	Courier	Do	Leader
Parry Sound	North Star	Do	Monetary Times
Port Hope	Guide	Do	Sanitary Journal
Smith's Falls	News	Do	Court Circular
St. Catharines	News	Woodstock	Sentinel
St. Thomas	Home Journal	Do	Times
Stratford	Beacon	Windsor	Record
Toronto	Irish Canadian	Whitby	Chronicle
Do	Globe	Do	Chronicle
Do	Mail	Waterloo	Chronicle
Do	Law Journal	London (England)	Solicitors' Journal

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Toronto	Globe	Hamilton	Times
Do	Mail	Quebec	Chronicle
Do	Leader	Ingersoll	Chronicle
Do	National	London	Advertiser
Barrie	Weekly Gazette	Orangeville	Advertiser
Kingston	British Whig	Montreal	Herald
Napanee	Canada Casket	Smith's Falls	News
Amherstburgh	Echo	Port Perry	Standard

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Toronto	Globe	Sault Ste. Marie	Northern Light
Do	Mail	Do	Pioneer
Do	Leader	Pembroke	Observer
Do	Observer	Parry Sound	North Star
Do	National	St. Catharines	Daily News
Kingston	British Whig	Montreal	Illustrated News
Orangeville	Advertiser	Port Perry	Standard
Peterborough	Times	Chatham	Planet
Ingersoll	Chronicle	Cayuga	Haldimand Advocate
London	Advertiser	Morrisburgh	Dundas County Herald
Berlin	Telegraph	Barrie	Examiner
Amherstburgh	Echo	Bracebridge	Free Grant Gazette
St. Thomas	Home Journal	Trenton	Coutier

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

Toronto	Globe	Arnprior	Times
Do	Mail	Brantford	Courier
Do	Leader	Orillia	Times
Do	Grip	Picton	Times
Do	National	Quebec	Chronicle
Ottawa	Citizen	Parry Sound	North Star
Kingston	Whig	L'Original	Advertiser
Do	News	Perth	Courier
St. Catharines	News	Whitby	Gazette
Arnprior	Star	Fenelon Falls	Gazette
Pembroke	Observer	Uxbridge	Journal
Napanee	Express	Collingwood	Bulletin
Orangeville	Advertiser	Bracebridge	Free Grant Gazette
Peterborough	Times	Barrie	Examiner
Listowel	Banner	Bobcaygeon	Independent
Berlin	Telegraph	Peterborough	Examiner
Waterloo	Chronicle	Minden	Times
Montreal	Canadian Illustrated News	Lindsay	Post
Guelph	Mercury	Orillia	Expositor
Monck	Reform Press	Sault Ste. Marie	Northern Light
Mount Forest	Express	Prince Arthur's Landing	Sentinel
London	Advertiser	Chatham	Banner
Amherstburgh	Echo	Windsor	Record
Whitby	Chronicle	Sarnia	Observer
Hamilton	Times		

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

Where Published.	Name of Paper.	Where Published,	Name of Paper.
Milton	Canadian Champion	Waterloo	Chronicle
Hamilton	Evening Times	Morrisburgh	Dundas County Herald— 2 copies
Renfrew	Canadian Times	Barrie	Weekly Gazette
Ottawa	Times	Guelph	Weekly Mercury—2 copies
St. Catharines	Daily News	Trenton	Courier
London	Advertiser	Toronto	Evangelical Churchman
Cayuga	Haldimand Advocate	Ingersoll	Chronicle
Orangeville	Advertiser—2 copies	Uxbridge	Journal
Prince Arthur's Landing	Thunder Bay Sentinel	Barrie	Examiner—2 copies—1 for Prov. Sec., 1 for Registrar
Guelph	Daily Mercury	Smith's Falls	News
Kingston	Whig	Amherstburgh	Echo
St. Thomas	Home Journal	Lindsay	Canadian Post
Chatham	Planet	Sarnia	Observer
Port Hope	Guide	Berlin	Telegraph
Markham	Economist	Sault Ste. Marie	Northern Light
Brockville	Recorder		
Aylmer	Times		

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

Toronto	Globe	Bracebridge	Free Grant Gazette
Do	Mail		

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

TUESDAY, 23rd Jan., 1877.

Committee met.

Present :

Mr. Clarke (<i>Wellington</i>), <i>Chairman.</i>	
Hon. Messieurs Cameron, Crooks, and Wood,	
Messieurs Deacon,	Messieurs Merrick,
" Ferris,	" Striker,
" Gibson,	" Williams,
	" Meredith.—11.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. C. Cashman, of the Crown Lands Department, was called, sworn and examined in reference to supplies furnished the Department for Colonization Roads.

Cornelius Cashman being sworn, deposed :— (Examined by Hon. Mr. Crooks.)

I am an officer in the Colonization Road Branch of the Crown Lands Department. The present system in ordering supplies to persons on the road is by advertising for known brands of such as flour and pork; other goods are bought in market after inspection. We advertise for known brands of goods. Articles that are variable are bought at the best value of medium and serviceable goods, such as teas, rice, soaps, syrups and goods of that description. The supplies are bought to supply the workmen, beginning 1st May and ending in November. We make an estimate of pork and flour at the beginning of the season, and buy such quantities of other articles as are required for about half the season, because they are perishable, and there are no places but shanties to store them in. The goods are bought in larger quantities when the distance to railways is greater. We have the tenders for supplies for our branch for 1875—such as to throw light on my state-

ment. I produce synopsis of the prices. We advertised last year for mess pork and a particular brand of flour. I produce the tenders for pork supplies in 1874; they were not advertised for, but I went around to dealers, and got the tenders now produced. I don't know that we advertised in 1875. I have not the tenders for 1876. I do not produce all the accounts of 1874. I can't say that we advertised for pork and flour before 1876. All the articles we advertised for tender for were pork and flour; the other articles can't well be advertised for, because they are not branded in such a way that you could tell the quality of them when advertising. I inform myself of prices of these goods by visiting houses in the City. In syrups, teas, &c., I judge of quality in buying. I find by the quotations given me and the quality shown, who can supply these goods as cheap as I can get in the market. The synopsis of tenders for supplies, 1874, show the result of my proceeding. I have been engaged in this work of the Department since October, 1873. This particular duty was done before by Mr. Bridgland himself, I think, the Superintendent. The goods were bought mostly in Toronto, but in some places, such as back of Ottawa we obtained from persons in Pembroke the price of pork and flour. We found flour could be bought cheaper there than here, and sent only pork. Wherever groceries run short, in almost every instance from 25 per cent to 60 per cent more has to be paid in other parts of the country than in Toronto. We find Toronto the best place to buy general groceries, and even pork, except in one instance—Parry Sound—where we should be able to buy American pork to the same advantage. I have been a grocer since 1852; part of the time on my own account. The goods are sent to the overseer of the particular road by the person from whom we buy; and he sends us invoice and duplicate—railway or steamboat receipt, as the case may be—and he ships them. We arrive at the cost of an article at any place but Toronto by adding to the price the freight. There is scarcely a point on our roads but Toronto is the centre for purchasing. We can get goods from Montreal to Toronto, as cheap as from Montreal to Ottawa, and so far, except back of Ottawa, Toronto is the cheapest place to buy. My instructions in buying, were to get the best medium, and if I could, buy to as good advantage from Mr. Jaffray to do so. I judged Mr. Jaffray's prices by comparing them with those of P. G. Close, from whom I got samples of Teas; John Smith—(teas), and Frank Smith & Co. (teas). The latter I visited once. I don't think there have been over five or six barrels of sugar used in five years. As to syrups, in 1874 we could have arrived at the quality of syrup, as Redpath made brands of syrups, but since he is out of the market it can be got at any price, and the only way to judge, is to test it. I judged Mr. Jaffray's syrups by getting quotations from the parties named, and also from a broker named Stewart. As to rice, the price fluctuates but very little, five cents has been the highest; it has gone down to four and a half cents. In 1875 and 1876 it was as low as four and a half cents. These were the ruling prices. Mr. Jaffray got all the purchases of that class of goods. He first tendered in 1874, and the first purchases were made then, through me. The prices were given me by him. Mr. Jaffray gave me quotations and after the items were submitted, Mr. Bridgland told me if I could buy from Jaffray as cheap as anywhere to get them there. In 1873 R. G. Griffith, corner Church and Front Streets, was supplying goods. I went to him in 1874, as I was told to get tenders from leading wholesale men. Mr. Jaffray got the contract because I reported that on the whole his goods were cheapest. [Hon. Mr. Cameron thought the Committee would have to have Mr. Griffith's accounts of 1872 and 1873. Hon. Mr. Crooks requested witness to make synopsis of them, which Mr. Cashman agreed to do.] Mr. Cashman continued—There were tenders for certain quantities of pork and flour. We didn't go to Jaffray, for he didn't deal directly in them. When the amount was distributed and we wanted more, we permitted Mr. Jaffray to complete a bill sent in by an overseer when it would be a small quantity. In 1874 Gardner and Ramsey got the contract for pork and flour. I could show the difference in prices, but pork varies. In 1874 I got offers from Gardner & Ramsay, Bailling & Grainger, J. Herson, Neil Johnson, D. Cowan, Morrison, Taylor & Co., and that of Gardner & Ramsay was accepted, for they agreed to deliver Canadian pork, and the others would not, and it is worth from 50c to \$1.50 a barrel more than other pork. In 1875 we either took the same method or advertised; I don't know. The same people got the supply. In 1876 R. A. Ramsay & Co. got the supply. They were publicly advertised for. In 1874 flour was got in the same way as the pork. I think, but am not prepared to say, either Mr. Ramsay or Mr. Jaffray got

the flour, I think. In 1875 the same process was followed with flour as to pork. Mr. Jaffray or Mr. Ramsy got the supply.

[The witness agreed to give a list of persons for 1874, 1875, and 1876, offering to supply, and also a synopsis of tenders.]

In 1876 we advertised, and R. H. Ramsay got the supply of flour.

[Hon. Mr. Cameron suggested that witness should make out a memo. of prices paid Mr. Jaffray; also a statement of flour and pork actually purchased from Mr. Jaffray and prices paid for it.]

Witness to Mr. Cameron:—Mr. Jaffray had a contract for flour in one year. Previous to coming into the Crown Lands Department in 1873, I was engaged in the grocery trade. I had been winding up the estate of, and travelling for, the late Jas. Stock. I was first in the Land Branch. About the middle of October, 1873, I entered the Colonization Branch. I entered the Government service in 1872. I thought I was to be permanently engaged, but found I was not. I was afterwards put on the permanent list. The Superintendent knows by the invoices whether they agree with the tenders or not. He is not furnished with information from the Department as to the price and quality of goods to be supplied other than the merchant's invoice. He gets a duplicate of the goods that are sent. The overseers are furnished by the Department with a duplicate invoice of the goods. In ordering supplies the prices agreed upon would govern. When ordering a chest of tea we agree on the price with the seller, and anything extra would be specially agreed on. In 1875, in the account of Mr. Jaffray, I would not say as to the order for Young Hyson. In selecting the teas we select these qualities as being the best medium priced teas, so as to get the best value for the Department and the men. In giving the order for tea I made the selection of prices from 20c. to 60c. I referred the price to the Superintendent, who agreed to buy teas at 55c. to 60c. The arrangement was made with Mr. Jaffray's foreman. I didn't see Mr. Jaffray half a dozen times. I made the arrangement at the commencement of our purchases from Mr. Jaffray's foreman, that he was to always furnish tea at 55c. to 60c. unless otherwise ordered. The foreman's name is Mr. Ryan. The arrangement was made with him. I told him to never depart from these prices and qualities unless otherwise ordered. I don't consider Mr. Robert Griffith's teas at 30c. to 50c. of the same grade in proportion to price as Mr. Jaffray's at 20c. to 60c. I don't think I compared Mr. Griffith's 50c. tea with Mr. Jaffray's 55c. Whenever there was to be a change made I consulted with Mr. Bridgland, who frequently decided in accordance with my judgment. Mr. Jaffray's prices varied in 1875 on account of fluctuation in the market. His teas never exceeded 60c. Black tea is one price and green another; but some of the men like it mixed, and we try to please them. In ordering goods I gave them as good an idea as I could; e.g., in teas I would say we want medium; in syrup, I would say we want the best golden. It did not strike me as odd that Mr. Jaffray should tender for syrup at 34c. to 52c. Mr. Wm. Griffiths makes only one price—45c.—but I know he couldn't buy it and lay it down for the money. I was as well posted in the prices as the dealers. Robert Griffith quoted 47c.; Frank Smith & Co. put it at 52c.; Close & Co., put it at 40c. to 52c. Mr. Jaffray's prices would average lower by ranging from the lower to the higher price, and striking the average. In ordering goods we sometimes do it in writing. Where we didn't go and order them, we would write. We have all the invoices on file. On goods delivered to the Northern Railway there is a charge for cartage, but in the G. T. R. and G. W. R. there is not. Mr. Jaffray charges only cartage to Northern and Nipissing railways. We make arrangements that pork and flour are to be delivered. We don't do this with other goods; if we did we would have to pay for it in some other way. I handed the tenders to Mr. Bridgland. It was by instructions from him that I bought from Mr. Jaffray. I was not called in with him to the Commissioner to consult as to these prices. I think flour and pork were to be supplied at the current market price. We send the duplicate of the invoices to the overseer, and he certifies it. It is included in his account at the end of the year, and the goods are counted against the appropriation for his share of the road. When a bill comes in it is examined, brought before the Assistant Commissioner, and a requisition made for the amount. The bills are paid on the receipt of the railway bill if asked for, without any immediate checking as to whether they reached their destination, other than the railway receipt. As a rule we have had no complaints of the goods. Mr. Bridgland

estimates the supplies we want. I know the basis of those for flour and pork. A bbl. of pork would be required for every \$200 of appropriation under overseers. I think that is the estimate. He does not ascertain the staff of men first. There is no estimate of teas, &c., made up, as of pork and flour. If there is, say, \$3000 or \$4000 of an appropriation, there would be about 40 men working, who would require about 60 lbs. of tea. We cannot estimate what is to be used, but we send what we think will do in the meantime. When the accounts come in we examine the amounts used. I can't say, but I have recollection that a man consumes from one-eighth to one-half oz. tea per day. Stores left over are sold by the overseer at the works or near them, or amongst the men. He swears to his account of goods thus sold.

To Mr. Meredith :—I told Mr. Jaffray I wanted good medium goods. He could not supply good medium tea at 20 cents. The teas supplied, were, in my judgment, the best qualities for the money. I think I made an estimate as to who gave the lowest tender. I do not know how I made it. I concluded as to the syrups by their actual quality. I understood that the tenders showed what goods would be supplied for. The term "market prices" means that the tenderer would furnish the goods at the market price on the very date the order was given. For variable goods they were not to be bound as to price. In 1874 flour and pork were asked for. I cannot say whether the lowest tender was accepted. The reason for accepting Ramsay's was, I think, because he said he would furnish Canadian fed pork. I think his price was 10c. higher. The quotations obtained would serve as a guide to the Commissioner as to the prices. I don't know why Herson's or Neil Johnston's tender was not accepted. I never informed the Commissioner of the political views of tenderers. I was never asked as to the political views of any of them, and don't know how the Government got any information. I cannot say on whose recommendation Gardner and Ramsay's tender was accepted [tender produced and read]. The word "accepted" is in Mr. Bridgland's writing. There was no record made in the Department of the change in price of syrup and soap. Mr. Judd, I think, an overseer, came in and wanted to select some hardware, such as pickaxes. I went with him to Mr. Hewitt's and he selected the articles wanted. He then complained of the soap which had been supplied the previous year at 7c., and I told him I didn't think he could get any better, for the present contract was for 5c. We went to Jaffrey's, and I selected a 7c. article, and we saw the Superintendent who saw the Commissioner, and we afterwards ordered 7c. soap to be sent. I think the overseer's name was Judd. I did not communicate to any of the other foremen the change I had made.

Mr. Cashman was instructed to prepare and submit to the Committee a synopsis of tenders and accounts for supplies for Colonization Roads. Also, a statement of pork and flour actually bought from Mr. Robert Jaffray.

Mr. Cashman was ordered to appear for further examination to-morrow.

Mr. Bridgland and Mr. R. H. Ramsay were also requested to be present to-morrow.
Committee adjourned.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

MEMO.—By Resolution of the House, this day, the name of Mr. Ballantyne was substituted for that of Mr. Hay on the Committee on Public Accounts.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24, 1877.

Mr. Cashman's examination continued from yesterday :—

To Mr. Crooks.—I produce synopsis of *maximum* and *minimum* prices paid in 1874, 1875, and 1876, on articles specified : syrup, tea, rice, soap, sugar, apples, flour, beans and pork (c); also prices paid for supplies in 1872 and 1873—same articles (d); also synopsis of tender of pork for 1876, prepared by the Superintendent for the Commissioner. The Commissioner's initials show what were approved of by him. The

tenders came in in response to an advertisement. Most of the articles vary in prices. I could not say to-day what they would be from three to six months hence; but in pork and flour the prices advanced towards the end of the season.

To Mr. Deacon.—The advertisements for tenders in 1876 were published by poster. I am not certain that it was advertised in papers; I think it was in the *Globe* and *Mail*. I know that the posters were put up. I saw them around the city. The advertisement in the papers would be like the poster. [Document F put in.] The posters were put up about four days after the date on them. I saw the posters up about four days after being given to the printer, which I think was the 11th of February, 1876. I left the copy on the messenger's table, I think, on the 11th of February. I could not swear positively about the date. I can swear I made out the poster.

To the Chairman.—Pork and flour are generally bought through the winter, as they are then the cheapest. The other goods are bought through the season, as wanted. I am accustomed to informing myself of the prices current published in the *Globe* and *Mail*, and comparing them with the prices asked for goods. [File of Toronto *Globe* of Thursday, May 28th, 1874, produced.] Young Hyson tea, medium, is quoted from 60c. to 75c. I doubt if we got any sugar at this date from Mr. Jaffray. [The *Globe*, of June 26th, 1874, could not be found on the file.]

To Mr. Hardy.—The tea quoted at 60c. to 75c., we were paying Mr. Jaffray 55c. to 60c. for.

Witness continued.—On May 28th, 1874, teas were quoted in the *Globe*, medium to choice, 65c. to 75c.; Syrups, Golden, 60c. to 62½c. That was the quality I purchased from Jaffray. Standard Syrup is 57½c. to 58c. We never sent out Standard Syrups. [File of Toronto *Mail* produced.] On May 18th, 1874, Young Hyson, 36c. to 40c.; superior to fine, 50c. to 60c. On May 20th, 1875, medium to good seconds, 48c. to 58c.; Young Hyson, medium to good, 70c. to 80c.; Young Hyson, common, 32c. to 38c. The best grade of medium would be 48c. to 58c.; standard syrups, 53c. to 55c.; golden, 55c. to 59c.

To Mr. Hardy—We were getting goods from Jaffray less than quoted prices; but I think they can, in some instances, be bought less than quoted prices for cash.

To Mr. Merrick—Medium tea, 60c. to 75c., quoted in the *Globe*, May 28th, 1874, was the quality bought by me for 55c. to 60c. I could buy tea for 55c. that would be quoted for 60c. All such quotations are understood to be credit prices, three, four or five months. Cash and credit prices vary from one-and-half to three per cent. Tea is considered four months' goods, and subject to a discount of two-and-half per cent. The lower quotation of the medium in the *Globe* at 60c., would be about the goods we purchased, and is subject to two-and-half per cent discount. I cannot say that the goods would correspond exactly with the quotation in the *Globe* at 60c. There were tenders for pork in 1874; none, I think, in 1875. In 1874 the price accepted was \$18.50. The quantity named was 150 barrels. We purchased about 50 or 60 more than the contract—about 210 barrels in all. We paid from \$21 to \$26 for the extra 60 barrels. The contract was made early in the spring; the extra barrels were bought as wanted. We estimated approximately as to the pork required. We supposed 150 barrels would be all we would want. The price was \$18.50 delivered any time during the year. Pork advanced almost every week from the making of the contract. In 1875 there was a contract, but not a public one. The arrangement was made by Mr. Bridgland.

To Mr. Ferris—I am acting under Mr. Bridgland, and am not a responsible officer of the Department. I am acting as an accountant in the Department, and a part of my business is as an expert as to prices, and to find if the goods purchased are worth the prices paid. The quotations of teas and syrups are to the trade; goods run into each other in all grades. I try always to get the best value. I would not buy the same quality of syrup as I would for family use. I have a good idea of what is needed, because formerly I had similar accounts in my own trade. The tenders for pork, 1874, run from about \$18.40 to \$19.25.

To Mr. Crooks—it was the Commissioner's duty to decide on these matters. I reported to the Superintendent, and the decision finally rested between him and the Commissioner. I had no power myself to decide on a selection.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Wednesday, 24th Jan., 1877.

Committee met.

Present :

The Chairman,	
Hon Messieurs Crooks and Wood,	Messieurs Hardy,
Messieurs Ballantyne,	" Merrick,
" Deacon,	" Striker,
" Gibson,	" Williams.—11.
" Ferris,	

Mr. Cashman produced paper marked A, being synopsis of tenders for supplies.
 Also, paper marked B, being tenders for pork in the year 1874.
 Also, paper marked C, being maximum and minimum prices paid for supplies in 1874,
 1875, 1876.

Also, paper marked D, showing prices paid for supplies in 1872 and 1873.

Also, paper marked E, being synopsis of pork tenders for 1876.

Also, paper marked F, being poster for tenders, and bonds and contract with R. H. Ramsay & Co. for pork and flour in 1876.

Ordered that copies of the above papers be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. Cashman was further examined, after which his whole evidence was read to and signed by him.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

Copies of papers produced by Mr. Cashman, marked A, B, C, D, E, and F, respectively.

(*For Papers marked A, see Minutes of 18th January.*)

(B.)

TENDERS FOR PORK IN THE YEAR 1874.

TORONTO, April 21st, 1874.

We make offer of (150) one hundred and fifty barrels Western Mess Pork, to be delivered as required, at any of the railway stations of Toronto, for nineteen dollars and one quarter (\$19.25) net cash on delivery of invoice. Pork not repacked.

This offer left open until noon to-morrow, the 22nd instant.

(Signed) BAILIE & GRANGER.

TORONTO, April 20th, 1874.

We will undertake to sell and deliver to any railroad station in the city, 150 barrels Heavy Mess, at such times as may be ordered, unrepacked, at \$18.90.

Open until noon, April 22nd, 1874.

(Signed) MORRISON, TAYLOR & CO.

TORONTO, 21st April, 1874.

I hereby agree to deliver in such quantities, and at such times during the season as may be required, (150) one hundred and fifty barrels heavy Canadian Mess Pork, at any

railway station in the city, free of cartage, storage and insurance, at (\$18.50) eighteen dollars and fifty cents per barrel.

These terms are to be payable on delivery of invoice.
Offer open until noon, Thursday, the 23rd instant.

(Signed) J. HERSON.

TORONTO, 21st April, 1874.

I will sell you one hundred and fifty barrels first rate Heavy Mess Pork \$18.40 eighteen dollars and forty cents per barrel f.o.b., at any railroad station in this city, in such quantities and at such times as may be required, free of storage and insurance.

(Signed) NEIL JOHNSON,

TORONTO, 21st April, 1874.

We hereby agree to deliver to any of the railway stations in this city, one hundred and fifty barrels Heavy Mess Pork, for the sum of eighteen dollars and fifty cents (\$18.50) per barrel, provided the same be paid when the purchase is made, or be settled by note, bearing the usual bank interest if time is required. We further bind ourselves to deliver the same at any time, and in any quantity, as the purchaser may desire, and also to keep the said pork in good order while it remains in our possession, free from storage, insurance, &c.

(Signed) GARDNER & RAMSAY.

We also guarantee that the above pork, so to be delivered, shall be corn-fed.

(Signed) GARDNER & RAMSAY.

(Accepted).

TORONTO, 21st April, 1874.

We hereby agree to deliver one hundred and fifty (150) barrels Heavy Mess Pork as may be desired during the summer, at any of the railway stations here in good order and condition, free of storage, cartage, and insurance, at eighteen dollars and fifty cents per barrel.

Offer open till noon to-morrow.

(Signed) D. COWAN & Co.

(C.)

Maximum and minimum prices paid in 1874, 1875, and 1876.

Year.	Syrup.	Tea.	Rice.	Soap.	Sugar.	Dried Apples.	Flour.	Beans.	Pork.
c. c.	c. c.	c. c.	c. c.	c.	c.	c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c. \$ c.
1874 52 @ 55	55 @ 60	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ @ 5	7	.....	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 10 to 6 25	1 20 to 1 25	18 50 to 26 00 about 60 Bbls. from 21 00 to 26 00	
1875 55	55 @ 60	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 5	7	.....	9	4 75 to 5 75	1 65	20 75 to 23 00	
1876 55	40 @ 60	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 5	7	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	5 50	1 20	23 00	

1875.—200 barrels flour from Mr. Jaffray at commencement of season.
About 75 barrels afterwards from him and others.

(D.)

Prices paid for supplies in 1872 and 1873.

Year.	Syrup.	Tea.	Rice.	Soap.	Sugar.	Dried Apples.	Flour.	Pork.	Beans.
1872	c. 55	c. 55 @ 60	c. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	c. 7	c.	c.	\$ c. 6 50	\$ \$ 16	\$ c. 2 50
1873	55	60	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	9	6 50	19 @ 20	2 50

Busted for pork only.

Griffith for all other supplies and some pork.

(E.)

Synopsis of Tenders for Pork, 1876.

Persons Tendering.	Tender.	Remarks.
D. Cowan & Co.	\$25.00.....	Security—Marked Cheque. B. Montreal.
James Herson	\$24.00.....	D. Gunn & Co.—Morrison & Taylor
R. H. Ramsay & Co.	\$23.00.....	J. B. Smith—Robert Jaffray.
William Davies & Co.	\$21.50..... Only 150 Barrels.....	Approved. T. B. P. Terms not complied with. Not to be delivered at separate times. No storage expense or insurance. Not Canadian.
G. W. Walker	\$23.50.....	Sureties not known.
J. & A. Clarke	\$24.75.....	Sureties not known.
Davidson & Scott.....	.....	Offer to buy on commission.
James Johnston	\$23.00.....	None of the parties are known. Insurance and storage do not seem to be included.
	FLOUR.	
R. H. Ramsay & Co.	Approved. T. B. P.	\$5.50 Same Sureties.
J. & A. Clarke .....	.....	\$5.50 No Sureties named.

(F.)

POSTER AND CONTRACT FOR FLOUR AND PORK WITH R. H. RAMSAY.

Tenders addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands and marked "Tenders for Pork and Flour," will be received up to twelve o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the first day of March next, for ...

200 barrels of Canadian Mess Pork.

200 barrels of Flour (Extra).

Inspected.

To be delivered in good sound order and condition, in such quantities and at such times throughout the year, as may be ordered; free of storage, cartage, insurance and all other expenses, on board of any of the railway cars in this city, as directed.

Tenders to be accompanied by the names of two solvent sureties in the sum of \$1,500, each, for the due performance of contract.

The Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Signed) T. B. PARDEE,
Commissioner.

Department of Crown Lands,
Toronto, 11th February, 1876.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we R. H. Ramsay & Co., provision merchants of Toronto, John B. Smith, and Robert Jaffray of the same place, are held and firmly bound unto Her Majesty, the Queen, her heirs and successors, in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars each of lawful money of Canada, to be paid to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors; to which payment well and truly to make we bind ourselves and each of us, by himself for and in the whole, our heirs executors, and administrators and every of us firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and seventy-six.

Whereas the above bounden, R. H. Ramsay & Co., has contracted and agreed to and with the Commissioner of Crown Lands, to make sale of and deliver to him, the said Commissioner or his order, two hundred barrels of Canadian Mess Pork, and two hundred barrels of Flour, (Extra,) according to the terms of a Poster Bill hereto annexed, subscribed by the above bounden parties, with reference to these presents in every respect, agreeably to the conditions laid down in said hereunto annexed poster, and that for the prices following, viz:—For the Pork the sum of twenty-three dollars per barrel, and for the Flour, the sum of five dollars and fifty cents per barrel, to be paid upon the execution of this Bond.

Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the said R. H. Ramsay, & Co., their heirs, executors and administrators, shall have well and truly, and in every respect executed the said contract in accordance with the said hereto annexed Poster Bill, and the terms and conditions thereof, subject always to the approval of the superintendent of Colonization Roads for Ontario, on the date of the issue of the last order for the said two hundred barrels of pork and flour, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and executed,

in presence of

(Signed) W.M. G. WRIGHT.

(Signed)

R. H. RAMSAY & CO., [L.S.]

JOHN B. SMITH, [L.S.]

ROBERT JAFFRAY, [L.S.]

Toronto, 6th day of March, 1876.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
THURSDAY, 25th January, 1877.

Committee met at 11 o'clock A.M.

Present :

The Chairman,
Hon. Mr. Crooks,
Messieurs. Ferris,
" Gibson.

Messieurs. Striker,
" Williams,
" Wills.

Adjourned at 11·20 A.M., for want of a quorum, till 11 o'clock A.M. on Tuesday next.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
TUESDAY, 30th January, 1877.

Committee met.

Present :

Messieurs Clarke (Wellington)	<i>Chairman,</i>	Hon. Messieurs Crooks and Wood,
" Ballantyne,	" Striker,	
" Ferris,	" Williams,	
" Gibson,	" Wills.	
" Ross.		

Moved by Honourable Mr. Crooks, Seconded by Mr. Ferris and Resolved,—That the Committee present a Report to the House this day, asking that the quorum be reduced to seven members.

Mr. J. W. Bridgland of the Crown Lands Department appeared, and being first sworn was examined in reference to the mode of obtaining supplies for Colonization Roads.

(*See evidence of Mr. Bridgland, marked B, appended to this day's minutes.*)

Mr. Bridgland produced papers marked G. H. I. and K. respectively, which were ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. Bridgland's evidence was read to and signed by him.

Ordered, that Mr. R. H. Ramsay be summoned to give evidence To-morrow.

Adjourned.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

The following Report was presented to the House this day :—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as their

FIRST REPORT.

Your Committee report that at its Session of to-day (30th January 1877), the following resolution was adopted :—

" That inasmuch as some members of the Committee have met on several occasions, but have been unable to proceed at the hour appointed for the meeting of the Committee, the quorum being fixed at the number of nine; and that number not being present, and considerable loss of time having resulted therefrom, it is therefore resolved,—That the Chairman be requested to ask the House to reduce the number necessary to form a quorum

to the number of seven." The Committee, therefore, recommend the reduction of the quorum of the Committee to seven members.

All which they respectfully submit.

(Signed)

C. CLARKE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
30th January, 1877.

Copies of Papers produced by Mr. J. W. Bridgland, marked G. H. I. and K. respectively.

(G.)

Memo :

DEPARTMENT CROWN LANDS.

With reference to the purchase of Canadian Pork, I am satisfied from enquiry, that the offer of "Gardner & Ramsay" to furnish the same, store, and deliver, through the season, is the lowest possible remunerating figures that it can be had for.

Indeed it is so close that you will see as below it is a question whether they can save themselves on the contract.

200 lbs. Pork at \$8.50 per ct.	\$17 00
Barrel.....	2 00
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	19 00
Leaving only.....	1 75
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	\$20 75

For salt, labour, cartage and deduction for shoulders, feet and heads. I therefore recommend that their offer be accepted forthwith.

(Signed)

J. W. BRIDGLAND.

9th March, 1875.

Approved.

(Signed)

T. B. PARDEE,
Commissioner.

Memo :

(H.)

DEPARTMENT CROWN LANDS.

I have made enquiry in the matter of groceries and flour to be furnished and shipped for the use of road works during the present season, and am quite satisfied Mr. Jaffray's prices are as low (for the articles referred to) as any in this city, taking the quality of the articles into consideration.

I therefore recommend that our supplies in the above line, needed for the works of the season, be ordered from Mr. Jaffray, Grocer &c., of Yonge street.

(Signed)

J. W. BRIDGLAND.

9th March, 1875.

Approved (Signed)

T. D. PARDEE,
Commissioner.

(I.)

TORONTO, 5th April, 1875.

Department of Crown Lands,
Bought of Robert Jaffray,
200 Barrels Flour at \$4.75

\$950 00

I agree to deliver the above when ordered, taking all risk. Guaranteeing quality when delivered.

(Signed) R. JAFFRAY.

(K.)

Messrs. Gardner & Ramsay.

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

COLONIZATION ROAD BRANCH,

TORONTO, 9th March, 1875.

GENTLEMEN.—The Department will accept your offer to supply 200 barrels of Canadian Pork (Mess) at \$20.75 per barrel, provided you agree to keep the same in good order, free of storage, Insured from loss by fire or otherwise, and delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be ordered by this Department.

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) J. W. BRIDGLAND,
Superintendent of Colonization Roads.

The above terms accepted.

(Signed) GARDNER & RAMSAY.

Mr. J. W. Bridgland's evidence given this day is as follows :

TORONTO, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1877.

James W. Bridgland, being sworn, deposed :

To Mr. Crooks.—I am Superintendent of Colonization Roads in the Crown Lands Department. I have held the office for about thirteen years. I have been in the employ of the Crown Lands Department 21 years. I was previously Senior Surveyor. I am a Provincial Land Surveyor by profession. In road making I have 13 or 14 years experience, and in reference to building bridges. My duties have been, during the 14 years, those of managing and repairing roads, by making preliminary arrangements, &c. I first make a general report of the roads wanted. This is laid before the Commissioner, and is considered, as well as suggestions from outside. We make our estimates from these suggestions and applications from outside. We have made from 50 to 60 colonization roads since I have been Superintendent. The roads are generally suggested by the wants of the country, having reference to the tracks of back country that are being opened for settlement. The late David Gibson, P.L.S., was Superintendent of Colonization Roads doing outside work before I was appointed Superintendent. New roads were first located and surveyed under my own written instructions, subject to revision by the Department. The road was sometimes let by contract; sometimes an overseer was appointed, and instructed how it was to be built; he was allowed generally to purchase his own supplies—that was the first method. The overseer was obliged to report on the road at times, and the road was examined once or twice a year by myself. The only important change of mode has been in providing supplies for carrying on the work. We found in some cases the cost of boarding the men was very great, and in about 1864, I recommended advertising for tenders for boarding the men. 1867 was the last year we tried that plan,—we did not find it reduced the cost of supplies. The board was, on an average, \$3 to \$3.50 a week. The result was not satisfactory. After 1867 I proposed to purchase supplies myself from the best dealers, securing them on the lowest terms, and sending them out. This plan was pursued till 1874, except in some few cases. I purchased the supplies myself, without any tenders. Before that the only tenders were from persons to board and lodge the men. In 1874 it was decided to ask tenders for main supplies, flour, pork, &c. The tenders were in the shape of offers from leading Toronto firms, who were asked to send prices. I saw some of the parties, but as my clerk was a grocer, I sent him personally, except where I saw some parties myself. The proposed tenders for supplies were decided by me. My clerk, Mr. Cashman, had not power to decide. He submitted them to me,

and I reported my views to the Commissioner. The Commissioner approved of my suggestions. In 1875 we did not take tenders. Satisfaction was given by the parties in the first year, and we purchased from the same parties. In 1874 flour was not tendered for, we purchased according to current market prices. In 1875 we purchased 200 bbls from Mr. Jaffray at the lowest figure, same quality. The quantity did not last us all year, and Mr. Jaffrey supplied balance at market price. I recommended the plan of buying flour in the spring, of 1875, because flour was down that year to \$4.50 per bbl. In 1874 Gardner & Ramsay had supplied pork, and in consulting prices of 1875 we found they gave us low rates, and purchased from them. I produce the Report of this purchase, (Appendix G.) which I gave to the Commissioner and which was approved. I produce Report as to groceries and flour (Appendix H). Also Mr. Jaffray's offer (Appendix I); also acceptance of Gardner & Ramsay's offer (Appendix K). In 1876 we asked, by posters, for tenders for pork and flour. The replies were reported upon. I produce the report (Document E). It is a synopsis of tenders, with my remarks thereon, and the Commissioner's decision. In 1876 general groceries were bought of Mr. Jaffray. Mr. Cashman went and selected such articles as he thought were good and sound, according to my instructions. I called myself and exercised my judgment. I believe we got the best goods at the lowest prices. In 1874, 1875 and 1876, we had occasional complaints from overseers, but very little. Pork is subject to be damaged in transport over long roads, and if particular care is not taken, it will suffer. We may have had three or four complaints as to pork. In 1874—and in all the years—there were no substantial complaints that would have inclined us to change the parties. In previous years we may have had occasional complaints. As to soap, in 1874, we had some complaints, but sent a suitable article. I always considered it my duty to attend personally to the supplies. I do not see any better method of obtaining supplies than we pursued. It would be very difficult to obtain offers for all the small articles of general groceries. We could not obtain satisfactory tender of any articles but from flour to pork, because they are standard staple articles, subject to inspection and were always inspected, but the others are not. I am satisfied that our present mode of supplying the men is more economical than that of tenders for boarding the men. I am able to state this as a matter of fact, for we make an analysis of the cost, and the results prove the economy of the present course. Board ranges at \$2.25 to \$2.50 under the present system, while by tender it was \$3.00 to \$3.50. There is thus a difference in the cost of the road per mile. From time to time we are also making other improvements in connection with unproved specifications. Latterly we have had two Inspectors—one east and one west—who are on continual travel, and are reporting continually. We have had one Inspector employed since 1868. Since 1872-1873 we have had two. They also manage the location of roads, under instructions, and save the cost of a surveyor. They report to the Commissioner through me. I am thus able to know what is wanted on every road and to give instructions. The Inspectors visit companies of workmen, and embody in their reports anything wanted by the men, and in what condition the supplies are. The party who supplies goods sends us duplicate invoice and shipping bill. One copy of the invoice is mailed to the overseer, and he checks his supplies by it when they arrive. He does not specially report unless something is missing, when he would call the attention of the Department to it. At the end of the season the unconsumed supplies are generally sold by the Inspectors, or if the roads are contiguous we put the remnants together and instruct him to sell them as well as possible. In some things there is a sacrifice; if not damaged, the food supplies generally produce the cost. Tools are used up generally at the close of the season and we dispose of them for what we can get, we retain those fit for service the following year.

To Mr. Wills.—Tea at 20c. would not be the standard we wanted tendered for. In 1874 we did not advertise. We had no samples sent with tenders, which were judged by themselves, and the qualities inspected separately. The prices were judged as a whole. We judged Mr. Jaffray's tender to be as low as any other, taking all things into consideration. Mr. Robert Griffith's tender for syrup was 47c. We did not inspect it. Mr. Griffith had supplied soap previously at 7c. I had heard a complaint in one particular instance of the quality of the soap by an overseer, through Mr. Cashman, but cannot say positively from whom that soap was purchased. We accepted Mr. Jaffray's tenders and inspected his articles. It was the firm of W. & R. Griffith, who had formerly supplied

us. We used sugar very little—seven barrels in three years. Mr. Jaffray furnished us the best quality of golden syrup for 55c. We ascertained it could not be bought in the market for less. We did not get samples with the tenders. I did not examine the goods of the several persons who tendered. I did not compare Mr. Griffith's and Mr. Jaffray's teas, or any other articles, one with another. In comparing prices, we considered the prices as a whole. Mr. Jaffray's lowest price for tea was lower than Mr. Griffith's, and his highest price for tea was higher than Mr. Griffith's. We, therefore, got from Mr. Jaffray a greater range.

To Mr. Ross.—In looking at the synopsis of the tenders produced, I find that some of Mr. Jaffray's prices are lower than Mr. Griffith's.

To Mr. Wills.—We did not always want the lowest priced goods, as the quality was not good enough. This was the case with soap. A good reliable dealer and an examiner of the articles will guarantee the best satisfaction. During the past season the most intelligent overseers testify, without inquiry, that all the supplies have been better than previous years.

To Mr. Ross.—Asking for tenders in 1874 was an experiment. We have found since that in such articles as we want our present plan is the best.

To Mr. Wills.—We were perfectly satisfied with Messrs. Griffith's goods. It was W. & R. Griffith.

To the Chairman.—I think our rate of board last year has been less than any previous year.

J. W. BRIDGLAND.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Wednesday, Jan. 31st, 1877.

Committee met.

Present :

The Chairman.	
Messieurs Deacon,	
" Ferris,	
" Gibson,	
" Lauder,	

Messieurs Merrick,	
" Ross,	
" Striker,	
" Wills.	

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Bridgland's evidence of yesterday was read to the Committee.

Mr. R. H. Ramsay, of the late firm of Gardner and Ramsay, being called and sworn was examined in reference to pork and flour supplied by him for Colonization Roads, in 1874, 1875 and 1876.

(See evidence marked C annexed to this day's minutes.)

Invoice (marked L) for 150 bbls. pork, from Gardner and Ramsay, in 1874, produced.

Also, invoice (marked M,) for 200 bbls. pork, from Gardner and Ramsay, in 1875, both being for Colonization Roads.

On motion of Mr. Deacon the above papers were ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

(See papers L and M annexed to this day's minutes.)

On motion of Mr. Lauder, it was ordered that Mr. P. G. Close be summoned to give evidence to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Ferris, seconded by Mr. Gibson, it was ordered that Mr. John A. Macdonald be also summoned to give evidence to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Lauder, it was ordered that Mr. William Davis, and Mr. Robert J. Griffiths be summoned as witnesses.

On motion of Mr. Deacon, it was ordered that the following papers be produced and laid before the Committee, viz. :—All orders, railway receipts or other vouchers showing

the dates of delivery of pork and flour by Gardner and Ramsay, during 1874, 1875 and 1876.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock A.M., to-morrow.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

Papers filed this day.

(L.)

Toronto, 25th April, 1874,

Crown Lands Department,

Bought of Gardner & Ramsay,

150 barrels of Mess pork, @ \$18.50. \$2,775.00.

(M.)

Toronto, 11th March, 1875,

J. W. Bridgland, Esq.,

Crown Lands Department,

DEAR SIR,—Please find enclosed invoice of 200 barrels mess pork in store, and subject to your order at any time.

Yours respectfully,

GARDNER & RAMSAY.

Department of Crown Lands,

Bought of Gardner & Ramsay,

March 9th, 1875, 200 barrels Canadian Mess pork, @ \$20.75. \$4,150.00.

TORONTO, January 31, 1877.

Mr. R. H. Ramsay was called and examined. Being sworn, he deposed :

To Mr. Lauder.—I was a member of the firm of Gardner and Ramsay in 1874-75. We commenced to supply the Ontario Government in 1874. I think an officer of the Department called and asked our prices for a certain quantity of pork, and in '74 I tendered for 150 bbls. of mess pork. It was about the last of April or first of May. The price asked was \$18.50 per bbl. The quality was to be first-class mess pork. My offer was accepted. The pork was shipped from time to time as the orders were sent from the Department. We received orders usually from Mr. Bridgland. After buying the pork the Government send orders for it. I furnished duplicate invoices. There was no inspection ; there is no legal inspector in the city. I shipped it on my own responsibility, according to order. The only order I had in 1874 was 150 bbls. In 1875 I supplied, under the same arrangement, I believe, as in 1874. It was a written tender I sent in 1874 ; I don't know whether I sent a written tender in 1875. In '75 I furnished 200 bbls. at \$20.75, about the first week in March. I also furnished 4 bbls. extra. I charged \$21.50 for them, because that was the value. I must have had an agreement to get \$20.75 in '75. I shipped the pork in '75 the same as in '74. There was no inspection. In '76 I tendered in answer to a poster. I am not aware that I got a poster in '75. I tendered for 200 bbls. in '76, at \$23 per bbl. The Government did not inspect the pork, and nobody for them. I filled the order on my own responsibility. I have been a pretty staunch supporter of the Government for a number of years. I supplied 200 bbls. of flour in '76, tendered for on receipt of poster. It was inspected by the flour inspector. I charged \$5.50, and received notification that my tender was accepted. I think the poster

was sent me by mail. I think it was sent to all the houses in the city. I saw it on the fences afterwards. I charged for the 4 bbls. pork \$21.50 per bbl. The prices had gone up. I suppose an order was sent from the Department for the 4 extra bbls. I charged market value for the extra bbls. because the tender had expired. In '74 the amount of supplies furnished by me was \$2,775 ; in 1875 it was \$4,236.40. In 1875 there was nothing supplied but pork. In 1876 the amount of my account was about \$5,700.

To the Chairman.—I was aware that I tendered against other parties in 1874. In 1875 I knew that there was competition.

To Mr. Gibson.—Mess pork is the best pork, there is a difference between it and prime mess pork of \$1.50 to \$2 a barrel.

To Mr. Deacon.—The pork in 1874, 1875 and 1876 never was inspected by a duly licensed inspector. It was branded by ourselves. I determined myself the quality of the pork. The pork was inspected by ourselves.

To Mr. Lauder.—In 1875 the party who asked for my tender told me he was getting prices from others. I am not aware of any public advertisement.

To Mr. Gibson.—In 1874 and 1875 I furnished pork to other parties. I was largely engaged in the trade. We would sell in a season about 2,000 or 3,000 barrels of pork.

To Mr. Lauder.—My bill in 1874 was dated 25th April; in 1875 it was March 9th. I think the supplies for flour and pork in 1876 was 1st March.

To Mr. Deacon.—I could not tell the largest number of barrels sold to any one but the Government in 1874. We generally send a carload at a time—from 60 to 66 barrels. We have sold 2 carloads at a time. In May our average price per barrel was \$18.75. In 1875 I can't recollect that we sold 100 or 150 barrels to any other person than the Government.

To Mr. Ferris.—In 1874 in May the average price for mess pork was \$18.75 ; in June, \$19.50 ; in July, \$21.00 ; in August, \$24 to \$26 ; in September, about the same. In 1875, in March, \$20.75. On April 25th, 1874, I offered at \$18.75 to furnish pork, delivered at any station in this city. If I had held it I would have got the larger price. I have not the memo. of the dates of delivery. The pork was not all taken in April.

To Mr. Ross.—The pork was paid for after the contract was made.

To Mr. Gibson.—I never heard complaints of the pork.

To Mr. Ferris.—In 1875 I tendered for 200 barrels at \$20.75. It was to be kept by me on same terms as in 1874, subject to my risk from damage by rust, fire, &c. In April, 1875, my average price was \$21.50 ; in May, \$22 ; in June, \$21 ; July, \$21.50 ; in August, \$22 ; in September, \$23. The pork is usually re-pickled in June and July, and has to be constantly watched in case of spoiling. The pork was at my risk while I held it. [Mr. Ferris was asking witness as to the risk of holding pork.]

To Mr. Deacon.—Objection to the question as to holding over pork, contending that the pork in question was not held over till August.

To Mr. Ferris—It would be worth from \$1. to \$1.50 per bbl., holding pork over for a few months. The tender in 1874 and 1875, had a reference to future risks. The signature on Mr. Bridgland's letter of 9th March, 1875, is mine. (App. .) In 1876, we supplied 200 bbls. pork, and 200 bbls. flour. The arrangement was similar to the previous years.

To Mr. Lauder.—I have pork in store all the time. The Government pork was kept by itself in 1875, after the tender was accepted. The reason I did so was, that I did not want to run short of Canadian pork when it would be ordered. In 1874, the Government was supplied from the general stock. There is no special risk on the Government pork, any more than other pork. Wm. Davies & Co. are about the largest exporters to Europe in pork in the city. Witness being asked if he could account for their price being \$21.50, while his was \$23, he replied in the negative, unless the difference was in Canadian pork. I was to supply Canadian pork. I presume Davies deals in both Canadian and Western (or Chicago) pork. I did not hear about their tender, or any one else's. My sureties were J. B. Smith and Robt. Jaffray. Have no doubt Davies could get securities.

To Mr. Ross.—The bulk of the Pork comes in in February and March. The price after that is regulated by the quantity offering. As a general rule, the price rises. The risk during the summer, and the demand from Europe, adds to the value.

To Mr. Ferris.—It is always more difficult to get Canadian mess pork than Western mess pork.

To Mr. Gibson.—I hold there is a good deal of difference between Canadian and Chicago pork. The latter won't go so far as the former, as it is fed on corn while Canadian pork is fed on peas.

To Mr. Ferris.—I think lumbermen generally prefer Canadian pork.

To Mr. Lauder.—The average prices quoted were those of supplies to lumbermen, &c., from 10 to 30 bbls. The price on a small quantity would be higher than on 200 bbls. transactions.

To the Chairman.—I would take less if the whole of the pork were delivered at once.

To Mr. Deacon.—I was paid after the purchase and before the pork was delivered. After I had been notified that my tender was accepted, I made out my bill and sent it to the Department, and received the cheque a few days after.

To Mr. Ferris.—This would be after I put in my securities for the faithful fulfilment of the contract.

To the Chairman.—The delivery of pork extended over several months.

To Mr. Deacon.—The greater part of the pork that was set aside for the Government, in 1875, was re-pickled and salted before being sent out.

To Mr. Lauder.—The Government pork was not treated differently from other pork.

To Mr. Ferris.—In view of this fact, the price of contracts for future delivery, are generally higher than for immediate delivery.

To Mr. Lauder.—I have no recollection of being surety for Mr. Jaffray.

R. H. RAMSAY.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Thursday, 1st February, 1877.

Committee met.

Present :

The Chairman.

Messieurs	Deacon,
"	Ferris,
"	Gibson,
"	Lauder,

Messieurs	Ross,
"	Striker,
"	Williams,
"	Wills.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. P. G. Close, Grocer, Front Street, Toronto, being called, was sworn and examined in reference to prices of Groceries, in 1874.

(See Appendix D to this day's minutes).

On motion of Mr. Lauder, it was ordered that Mr. John Sloan, of P. G. Close & Co., be summoned to give evidence to-morrow, in reference to prices of teas, sugars, syrups &c., during the years 1874 and 1875.

Mr. Close's evidence was read to, and signed by him.

Mr. C. Cashman being called, was sworn and further examined as to prices paid, and method of obtaining supplies of groceries for Colonization Roads.

(See Appendix E to this day's minutes.)

Adjourned until 11 o'clock, A.M. to-morrow.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TORONTO, February 1st, 1877.

P. G. Close, being sworn, deposed :

To Mr. Lauder.—I am a wholesale grocer in this city. We do a large trade, and are in about as good a position as any house in town to supply contracts. Mr. Cashman called two or three years ago at our house, and told me he was getting quotations from several of the leading houses for groceries to supply some department of the Government. I told him I would call my partner, Mr. Sloan, and supply quotations. Mr. Sloan asked

him the quantity he wanted, and was going to get samples, but Mr. Cashman told him they were not necessary. He had asked for teas, sugars, syrups, &c., and Mr. Sloan told him it would be necessary to have samples. I asked him if he could give the order, and he said not. I asked him if he could tell who would get the contract. He said not to trouble about samples, for he was afraid it was a foregone conclusion who would get it. I asked him who would get the contract. He said he was not at liberty to tell, but he feared I was on the wrong side to get it. We gave him the quotations, but took no further trouble about it, because Mr. Cashman gave us the impression that we could not get it. I have heard nothing of it since. I saw no advertisement for tenders. I was on the look out for such. It would not be of any use to get quotations without samples, for tea ranges from 35cts. to 90cts. per pound. There is fully 20cts. difference per gallon in syrups. It does not amount to anything when a tender is given without samples for teas or syrups. Syrups are known by different names—amber, golden, &c., which are all standard brands. The price is known from the name; but there are different makers, whose syrups differ in quality though called by the same name. If we tendered for tea at 20cts. to 60cts. I would expect that the Department would have to get samples when ordering five or ten chests—the same applies to syrups and sugar. Sugars are in grades from the very dark to the yellow; also white.

To the Chairman.—Mr. Cashman did not ask for any particular quality of tea. I am not certain whether he named the price wanted. It was between Mr. Sloan and Mr. Cashman the transaction took place. Our quotations were given by Mr. Sloan, and the range in price was for different qualities.

To Mr. Lauder.—There were no orders given.

To Mr. Ferris.—I was present all the time, but I may not have been there when Mr. Cashman asked about the price. The conversation took place either in the office or in the sample-room; I am not sure which. I knew Mr. Cashman before, and that he had been a grocer for a number of years. He ought to understand the business. The prices of tea from 35cts. to 80cts. would take in from a pretty low medium to a very fine article. The quality of syrup can be more easily determined. The brands of golden syrup we had were Redpath and De Castor, of Montreal, and we are in the habit of getting from New York makers. Sometimes there were differences of 3cts. or 4cts. in the same brands. Could not tell now which is the best. Sometimes we would get a better golden from one maker and sometimes not so good; so that by specifying brands we have not a guarantee of the quality without specifying it. I asked Cashman to do what he could for us if our goods were as good as others. He said seriously that we had no show for the contract. I asked him to use what influence he had in our favour. He told me that he could not finally decide. There is always a variety in soap, sugar and rice. Soap rules from $2\frac{1}{2}$ cts. to 7cts. It may have been higher in 1874.

To Mr. Gibson.—Cashman meant to say, as I understood, that we had no chance; that from knowledge he possessed he knew that we would not get it. I considered it was a mere sham for him to call.

To the Chairman.—He conveyed that impression. He did not use the word "sham."

To Mr. Gibson.—He hadn't the slightest idea of getting the contract.

To the Chairman.—In politics I am a Conservative; I don't know Cashman's politics.

To Mr. Gibson.—I never had a Government contract. When my friends were in power I was not in a position to tender.

To Mr. Ferris.—I know Jaffray; he is a respectable grocer. I believe he does a very good general trade. I never heard anything against his commercial reputation.

To Mr. Lauder.—I could not tell from memory what best golden syrup would range at. It has varied in two or three years. It would be necessary to have the date.

To Mr. Lauder.—Sometimes syrups have a value relatively above, and sometimes below, sugars.

To the Chairman.—I am not in a position to swear positively that we gave samples to Mr. Cashman. Mr. Sloan would know.

To Mr. Wills.—It was before the prices were given that Cashman told us we could not get the contract.

To Mr. Lauder.—My impression is that no samples were given; but, I may have gone out before Cashman left.

To Mr. Ferris.—The samples would be within reach if it was necessary to test them, when Mr. Cashman was in.

P. G. CLOSE.

TORONTO, Feb. 1st, 1877.

Mr. Cashman, recalled:

To the Chairman.—I have some recollection of the interview between Mr. Close and Mr. Sloan. I called on them and told them that Mr. Bridgland had instructed me to get list prices of some of their goods, and asked for prices of certain brands; told them as near as I could, the quality required. I could not say whether it was in the office or sample-room. I think Mr. Sloan or Mr. Close were present, probably both. I am not clear on that. They asked me the quality of goods required; I named the brands. In those days we could name brand in golden syrup, for Redpath had certain brands. I am under the impression that either Mr. Close or Mr. Sloan was present part of the time; both were not present all the time. I told them we would require the best quality of medium teas, and he showed samples. There was not much said about sugars, for we did not expect to want much. I did not bring back sample of teas. There was not a word said about them getting the contract. I can't say that Mr. Close asked me to do what I could for him. My sympathies were in his favour. I am not aware of making use of an expression that would leave him to think that he would not get the contract. I said after I got his figures that I feared he would not get the contract, because I had the quotations from others. I may have said in jest that he was on the wrong side of politics. I could not say that I did or did not say so. If I did it would be by way of jest, knowing him to be a conservative. My sympathies were with him as knowing him longer than any others.

To Mr. Ferris.—I had done business for some years quite near Mr. Close, and knew him.

To Mr. Striker.—The reason why I intimated that Mr. Close would not get the contract was on account of the other figures I had got, and thought he was too high.

To the Chairman.—I reported to Mr. Bridgland in favour of Mr. Jaffray, because his figures were the lowest. Though I did not have samples, I judged after intimating the quality wanted, that Mr. Jaffray's prices were lowest. If I could conscientiously have reported in favour of Mr. Close, I would have done so.

To Mr. Striker.—I did not think Mr. Close's politics would have prevented him from getting the contract.

To Mr. Deacon.—I called personally on all the parties the same day. The lists of prices were delivered to me before I left the premises. I think Close was the last man I called on. I did intend, if it were possible, conscientiously to report in Mr. Close's favour. Either Close or Frank Smith would be the last man called on. I looked over the lists as soon as I got them. It was after getting Close's list and comparing it with the others, that I told him I feared he would not get the contract. My sympathies were with Close, because I was well acquainted with him. I called first on Griffiths—either one of the Griffiths' or Jaffray. I did not intimate to Close what other quotations I had. I may have intimated to Griffiths or some others, in a jocular way, that they would not get the contract. I don't recollect intimating it to any one but Close. I had instructions from Mr. Bridgland to buy from Jaffray if his prices were as low as the others. After setting all the quotations before Mr. Bridgland, I understood he and the Commissioner believed Jaffray's tender to be the lowest, and he instructed me to buy from Jaffray if his prices were the lowest. Mr. Bridgland, as I understood, had reported to the Commissioner what I had said to Bridgland. I had reported to Bridgland in favour of Jaffray on the whole. Bridgland reported to me the Commissioner's decision in favour of Jaffray. The quotations I would not precisely call tenders, I didn't know that Jaffray was the favourite competitor. The preference was given to him if his prices would be as low. I had

no idea till after the decision of the Commissioner, who would get the contract. If Close's tender had been exactly as low as Jaffray's, I don't know how the Commissioner would decide. I knew Jaffray was a supporter of the Government, and that Close was not.

To Mr. Lauder.—I knew nothing officially of the preference of the Department for Mr. Jaffray. My private opinion was that Mr. Jaffray should have the preference, everything being equal, because he was a supporter of the Government.

To Mr. Striker.—I never heard from the Government that the supplies were to be given to political friends.

[The witness volunteered the information, that his politics now are—that if there are good men all will be right.]

To the Chairman.—I had voted before entering the Department, on the Conservative side principally. Political feeling did not influence me in any way in submitting Mr. Jaffray's quotations—neither my own nor any other.

To Mr. Ferris.—When I was sent out to get prices, I understood that it was because I had a previous knowledge of the trade. The memorandum of prices that I got from the several houses were got after conversation with the grocers as to the qualities of goods. There was a great deal more information involved in the conversation with the grocers than what would be in the bare figures. In submitting the figures to Mr. Bridgland, I gave him the other information I had obtained. I gave my opinion in favour of Jaffray's tender. After this I got instructions to purchase from Jaffray, and it was understood I was to continue buying from him if the prices were as low as I could get elsewhere. I had some slight personal acquaintance with Jaffray when I went out for prices. My sympathies were with P. G. Close & Co. It was my judgment in opposition to my sympathy that made me tell him I feared he would not get the contract.

To Mr. Wills.—My duties are to keep the accounts with the overseers, see to the shipping of goods, and compare the accounts at the end of the year, and the choosing of supplies.

C. CASHMAN.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Friday, 2nd February, 1877.

Committee met.

Present :

The Chairman.	Hon. Mr. Wood.
Messieurs Ballantyne,	Merrick,
Gibson,	Striker,
Hardy,	Williams,
Lauder.	Wills.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

Mr. C. Cashman recalled, and his evidence of yesterday being first read, was signed by him.

Mr. Cashman also produced the papers asked for by Mr. Deacon on the 31st of January last, showing dates of shipment, and vouchers, &c., for Pork and Flour furnished by Gardner & Ramsay, during the years 1874, 1875, and 1876.

Mr. John Sloan, of P. G. Close & Co., next called, sworn and examined in reference to quotations of prices of groceries as given to Mr. Cashman in 1874.

Mr. Sloan's evidence read to and signed by him.

(See appendix F, to this day's minutes.)

On motion of Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was ordered that Mr. Langmuir be notified to appear before the Committee on Tuesday next.

Mr. Lauder asked that Mr. Wm. Davies and Mr. R. J. Griffith, be summoned as witnesses.

Mr. Lauder moved, seconded by Mr. Wills,—That all the evidence taken before the Committee up to the present date be reported to the House.

And the yeas and nays being called for were taken down as follows : —

YEAS.	NAYS.
Messieurs Lauder.	Messieurs Ballantyne.
Wills. (2)	Gibson. Striker. Williams. (4)

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Gibson it was resolved that the Committee meet at 10 o'clock A.M., on Tuesday next.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock, A.M., on Tuesday next.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TORONTO, Feb. 2, 1877.

John Sloan being sworn, deposed :

To Mr. Lauder :—I am a member of the firm of P. G. Close & Co. I was a member in 1874. I remember a messenger—Mr. Cashman—coming from one of the Depots. He said he wanted quotations of groceries. I saw him myself. I think Mr. Close was present. I gave Cashman some quotations. He said to me, that to be honest with us, he did not believe we had any chance to get the order, for it was a foregone conclusion a member of the party would get the contract. I don't think he asked for samples. I did not show him any. I was with him all the time he was there. I don't think he asked for any particular class or brands of goods, but he asked generally. I was amused at his statement. I did not ask him who would likely get the contract. He did not volunteer information. I gave him some quotations. The quotations produced are not in my writing, I think it is the book-keeper's. I think it would be impossible to tell which is the lowest tender without having samples. The quotations we gave were ranges of prices without mention of quality. I don't think either Jaffray's quotation for tea at 20c to 60c or ours at 35c to 80c, amounts to anything. Teas, sugars, syrups and groceries can be tendered for, but it would be necessary to have samples. They are bought and sold by sample. In the case of syrups, Redpath made a few brands for a while, so that the price would be determined within a few cents a gallon. I understood Cashman to say that he was favorable to giving us the contract as he was acquainted with us. He said he did not think there was any chance. He said something about politics. In case of a contract like Jaffray's, the person giving the order for tea should fix the quality.

To Mr. Hardy.—It was about 1874. I think it was 1874, from reading the papers. As well as I remember anything it was 1874. I think Mr. Close was present and the book-keeper, Mr. Porter. I don't remember the words Cashman used. It was in the spring of 1874. I can't say whether it was in the month of May. I remember the conversation pretty well ; I could not give the exact words. I could not say whether Mr. Close in his evidence used the words "foregone conclusion." I have a distinct recollection of the words used. Mr. Cashman came in and said he wanted to get quotations for the Department. The words he used were : "To be honest with you, I don't think you have any chance to get the contract." I don't swear positively that he used the words "foregone conclusion." He used words having that meaning. I don't know how Mr. Close and I used the same words. I can't tell any other man that was in the store that day, and I can't remember any other man who was in that month, whose conversation I remember. This man came in on particular business. We never tendered for the Government before, and were never asked for any. I have been in business for five years. I was clerk for Mr. Close in 1868. I never saw any advertisement of tender in Sandfield's time. I can't remember at the moment conversation with any other man but Cashman who came that spring ; if I had time I might. Cashman may have looked at samples ; I don't think he did. I had known Cashman intimately three or four years before that. I don't know his politics. I am something like Conservative. I supported the Dominion Government at

last election, but am sorry for it. It is difficult to tell from the tenders produced which are lowest. I could not say without seeing samples whether the range of 35c. to 80c. is as low as 28c. to 60c. Tea at 60c. would be a fine tea. I suppose it would not be too good for ordinary use. 60c. is the price of a fine tea and 30c. to 35c. is a common tea. In our quotation 35c. to 80c. we did not mean anything but a range of prices. If I meant any business at all, I would not have given the quotation in that way. I did not expect to get the contract, because Mr. Cashman said so. I could not say whether he said this before or after he got our prices; I believe it was before.

To Mr. Gibson.—In 1874 tea was higher in price than now.

To the Chairman.—Cashman seemed to be in good humour. I did not think he was joking when he said we had no chance of getting the contract. If he said he was joking I think he would be saying what was untrue.

To Mr. Merrick.—I judged from what Cashman told that it would be no use for us to tender. He took no samples, and I don't think he examined any. I think it is impossible for a man to judge teas by price without samples. I am a Conservative, but supported the Dominion Government at last election. I don't know whether I voted. My sympathies and support were with the Dominion Government in last election. I think it was May, 1874, when I was asked for these prices. Redpath was manufacturing brands of syrups at that time. There might be a difference in the quality of Redpath's syrups of the same brand.

To Mr. Gibson.—I entered into partnership with Mr. Close in 1871. Five years expired at the end of last year. Previous to going into partnership I was salesman for Close. He was doing a business of about \$3,000 a month in 1868; as far as I can recollect, he was in the retail then and till 1870. I could not say whether he could have supplied a Government contract at that time.

To Mr. Lauder.—We would not be in a position to compete with wholesale houses at that time.

To Mr. Hardy.—Mr. Jaffray is a strictly honourable man. I have known him for several years. I can't say the Government would have been better served if we had supplied them, than if Jaffray had supplied them. At the elections since the general election I don't know who I supported. To the best of my belief I have always voted Conservative.

To Mr. Lauder.—The reason why I said the Government would be as well served by Mr. Jaffray as by our house, because I have known him to be a strictly honourable man. I could not impeach Mr. Jaffray's honesty because I could not. There is no cheque upon Mr. Jaffray by the Department that I can see.

To Mr. Wills.—If I were asked for a medium quality of teas, the price would come to a price between 35c. to 80c.; 35c. to 80c. is from a rather low medium to the finest quality, and 35c. to 70c. black tea, is from low medium to finest. We have teas as low as 20c. Golden syrup might mean from a very dark syrup to one about as clear as water. In April and May, 1874—golden syrups—we sold syrups from 48c. to 75c. What we sold @ 48c. is described as extra golden. That was the lowest price for which we sold syrup in April and May so far as I could see. All through the year prices ranged about the same. Some sales of golden were made as low as 44c. and 45c. It is described as golden syrup.

To Mr. Hardy.—West India molasses is worth about 30c.

To Mr. Striker.—I would not say whether we kept Redpath's golden syrup in 1874. I presume the prices would be about the same as others.

To Mr. Hardy.—In syrups there is no real standard.

To Mr. Ballantyne.—The name does not indicate the quality.

To Mr. Hardy.—Golden syrup might mean anything from 35c. to 60c.

To Mr. Lauder.—In January, 1875, we sold syrups from 48c. to 77c.; In November, 1875, we sold syrups from 45c. to 60c.; In May, 1875, golden syrups would be about the same as in January.

To Mr. Wills.—There is no lower grade of syrup than golden.

To Mr.—Lauder.—If I was buying syrups for men working on the roads in Muskoka, I should think golden syrup would be good enough.

To the Chairman.—Golden syrup would range from 35c. to 60c.

To Mr. Lauder.—We generally send golden syrups to the merchants in the back country, and sometimes amber. The price in 1874, and 1875, would be about 48c. I should judge. The syrup is described as extra golden in our sales book, and I should judge it would be a good quality.

To Mr. Hardy.—We did not complain for not getting this contract.

To Mr. Gibson.—I don't recollect asking Mr. Cashman to use his influence to give us the contract.

JNO. SLOAN.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Tuesday, 6th February, 1877.

Committee met at 10 A.M.

Present:

The Chairman,

Messieurs Ballantyne,
Gibson,

Messieurs Striker,
Williams.

Adjourned at 10.27 A.M., for want of a Quorum.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Wednesday, 7th Feb. 1877.

Committee met.

Present:

The Chairman,

Hon. Mr. Crooks,
Messieurs Ballantyne,
Deacon,
Ferris,
Gibson,
Lauder,

Messieurs Merrick,
Ross,
Striker,
Williams,
Wills.

Minutes of the 2nd and 6th instant read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Lauder, seconded by Mr. Deacon, and Resolved,—That the Committee meet hereafter at 10 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Mr. William Davies, provision merchant, Toronto, called, sworn and examined in relation to tenders for pork, in 1876.

Evidence read to witness and signed by him.

(See Appendix G to this day's minutes.)

Mr. Davies' tender for pork, dated 1st March, 1876, produced and ordered to be recorded in minutes.

(See Appendix N to this day's minutes.)

Mr. R. J. Griffith, called, sworn and examined briefly, relative to prices of groceries and provisions supplied for Colonization Roads.

Further examination postponed till to-morrow.

The following memorandum of particulars to which the Committee desired replies from Mr. R. J. Griffith, was submitted by Mr. Ferris to the Committee.

"The Committee desires answers on the following points:—On what terms were goods furnished by your firm to the Government, commencing with the year 1868, whether by tender, or whether tenders were asked for in the years 1868, 1869, 1870,

1871, 1872, 1873, and 1874, or whether there was any difference in the mode of furnishing supplies for Colonization roads, from that to other Departments of the Government: the amount supplied for the several years above named, distinguishing between the goods supplied by tender and the goods furnished at current rates," and a discussion arising on the adoption thereof, the yeas and nays were called for and taken down as follows:—

Yeaſ.

Messieurs Ballantyne,
Ferris,
Gibson,
Ross,
Striker,
Williams.—6.

Nayſ.

Messieurs Deacon,
Lauder.
Merrick,
Wills.—4.

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Lauder, it was resolved that the memorandum of Mr. Ferris be furnished to the witness, and that he be allowed to answer the same in writing.

On motion of Mr. Ferris the following was added to Mr. Lauder's motion:

That notwithstanding any statement so put in, the witness shall be notified to appear to give *viva voce* evidence to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Deacon it was ordered, that the account of Messrs. Blake, Kerr and Boyd, under the head of "Legislation" and found on pages 40 and 43 of the Public Accounts of 1875, and amounting respectively to \$104.37 and \$346.43, be entered in detail on the minutes.*

On the motion of Mr. Lauder, Mr. John Morrison, Grocer, Toronto, was ordered to be summoned to give evidence to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wills, it was ordered that the tenders for pork, for the years 1875 and 1876 be produced.

On motion of Mr. Gibson it was ordered that any tender or list of prices furnished the Department by Messrs. W. & R. Griffith in the years 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, and 1874 be produced to-morrow.

Ordered, that Mr. Langmuir be notified to appear before the Committee to-morrow. Adjournded till 10 o'clock, A.M., to-morrow.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

(*Paper marked N.—Tender for Pork.*)

Toronto, March 1st, 1876.

Hon. T. B. PARDEE,

SIR,—We hereby offer 150 barrels mess pork at \$21.50 (twenty one $\frac{5}{100}$ dollars) per barrel. It will not suit our purpose to hold it and deliver at any time and place you may require, but will deliver into warehouse to be stored for you; but we should require prompt cash on presentation of warehouse receipt.

This pork can be inspected in Toronto by any person you may appoint, the charge for that will have to be paid by purchaser. We must have twenty-one $\frac{5}{100}$ dollars, net.

For the performance of the above we offer as security Messrs. James Scott, Dry Goods Merchant, Thomas Lailey, Wholesale Clothier, both of this city.

Waiting your reply,

We are Yours respectfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM DAVIES & CO.

TORONTO, Wednesday, February 7th, 1877.

Wm. Davies, sworn, deposed:

To Mr. Lauder.—I carry on pork business in Toronto. I tendered for Government supplies last year at \$21.50. The pork asked for in the bill was Canadian mess-pork. I

* See Papers O and P.

offered to supply 150 barrels. I had not the balance of the 200 barrels by me. The memo. in document E. opposite my name is not correct. I meant Canadian pork. I would have supplied the pork at \$21.50 on certain conditions. I was prepared to deliver at any warehouse mentioned by the Government, and wanted the money as soon as I delivered the warehouse receipt. If I had been asked to store it and deliver it as the Government wished it, I think it would have cost about 50c. a barrel more between the terms of the contract and my tender. I would guarantee it to be in good quality for two months for \$22 a barrel.

To Mr. Ferris.—The conditions of the tender (F) were, that it was "to be delivered in good sound order and condition, in such quantities and at such times throughout the year as may be ordered, free of storage, cartage, insurance, and all other expenses, on board of any of the railway cars in this city, as directed. Tenders to be accompanied by the names of two solvent sureties in the sum of \$1,500 each, for the due performance of contract." I put in my tender on March 1st, 1876, in answer to the poster. In the tender I did not guarantee to keep it in good condition for the year. It would be worth 50c. per barrel more. According to the usage of the trade, I think 50c. per barrel extra would cover all the conditions of the advertisement. I prefer closing up all my transactions at once. The terms of my tender were in accordance with our usual rules of business, and were different from the terms asked for by the Government. 50c. per barrel would not cover the expense of repacking the pork, but I would not repack it. The expression "net cash," mentioned in my tender, means that the purchaser would have to pay inspection and expenses outside of delivery at any warehouse they would name. It was to be at their risk. I know Davison & Scott. They are wholesale provision merchants and commission merchants as well. We have no legally-appointed pork inspector in the city. The Statute lays down the qualities to be known by the several names, so that a good packer would know. The pork might be light or heavy. The bulk of Canadian mess is heavy. My tender did not specify Canadian mess. There is a preference among consumers for Canadian over Western mess. I think the Canadian is sold a little below the Western, after the duty on the latter is paid. Canadian would get the preference in my warehouse, though I have not done much in mess pork for a few years, being principally engaged in the export trade. If I had both Canadian and Western mess pork in my warehouse I would consider the former the best. Canadian mess is not mentioned in my tender, though Canadian mess was an ingredient in the notice. I supposed the pork would be paid for when delivered. The advertisement called for 200 barrels. I only offered 150 barrels, and proposed to deliver all in one lot.

To Mr. Merrick.—Although not mentioned in my tender, Canadian Mess Pork is what was intended to be supplied. I did not comply with the requirements about delivery at various times. 50c. per bbl. would cover insurance, storage and cartage, &c. The cost of inspection is not included in the 50c. I don't know the cost of inspection; I am my own inspector. Anything I put my name on would pass without inspection. The pork offered was our own putting up. It would stand inspection by any inspector. I don't think it would be necessary to repack the pork. I never had any inspected in Toronto. The pork was put up for summer use. I think if properly packed, it would keep perfectly well during the summer.

To Mr. Ross.—I don't know what the usual price of storage is per bbl. Delivery, shipping, and cartage for lots of five bbls. would be from 50c. to 60c. Insurance in a warehouse would be $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum, or about 15c. per bbl. I don't know what is charged in Montreal for inspection. I would not undertake, on any terms, to have pork delivered in small lots in a peddling way. It would be worth 50c. a bbl. for guaranteeing the good quality of pork to be delivered during any time of the year. If I had to deliver any time during the year, the risk of keeping and guaranteeing delivery in good order, I think 50c. would be little enough. A complaint might come after the pork was sent to the country, and I would have to re-send five or six barrels.

To Mr. Ferris.—As a matter of fact, I would not care to do such a kind of business at all at any price.

To Mr. Crooks.—My price was based on the understanding that I was to deliver the 150 barrels at once.

To Mr. Williams.—I would guarantee it if it remained in the store for six months, but not after it left the city where it could not be seen.

To Mr. Lauder.—I am still of the opinion that 50c. extra per barrel on my tender would be enough to comply with the conditions asked by the Government.

To Mr. Wills.—The 50c. per barrel extra on my offer, would be about what it would be worth to fill the tender.

To the Chairman.—To keep it good throughout the year would be worth fifty cents more.

To Mr. Lauder.—If the pork were to be examined in Toronto, I think it would cost about 50c. per barrel for the risk and storage.

To the Chairman.—I would not undertake at all to comply with the tender, because I don't do that kind of business.

To Mr. Ross.—There is a Government Inspector in Montreal. Chap. 49 of 30 Vic. enacts that 20c. per barrel shall be charged for inspection. I think a fair estimate for storing 150 barrels, to be delivered in small lots and shipped by the warehouseman, would be 25c. to 30c. a barrel. The cartage and delivery about 12c. a barrel. The insurance about 15c. a barrel. The risk of keeping the pork about 50c. per barrel, making a total of \$1.07 to cover all risks and charges.

WILLIAM DAVIES.

TORONTO, 23rd September, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honour to request you to give the necessary directions for the payment of the enclosed accounts of Messrs. Blake, Kerr and Boyd, for professional services rendered by them to the late Commissioner of Crown Lands, Honorable R. W. Scott, in the suit of Seymour *vs.* Attorney-General. As the suit was brought against Mr. Scott for action taken by him as a member of the Government, the Attorney-General is of opinion that this account is payable by the Province. The bill has been moderated by the taxing office of the Court of Chancery.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. G. SCOTT.

The Honourable, the Treasurer.

In Chancery, Seymour *vs.* Attorney-General.

Scott's Defence.

1873.

		\$ cts.	\$ cts.
January	27, Instructions \$2, Retainer for defence of R. W. Scott..	2 00	
	\$20. Letter to Hon. R. W. Scott, 50cts	20 50	
	Letter to McDonald, B. and W. 50c, postage 1c....	. 50	01
January	29, Letter to R. W. Scott, 50c, postage 1c	50	01
February	5, Letter f. C. K. A. C. w; Q. C. Dec. (6), letter to C... K. and C. 50c, postage 1c.....	50	01
February	11, Letter f. McD. and D. attending service Bill for Scott		
February	12, Letter to McD. B. and M. 50c, postage 1c. (15) letter f. McD.....	50	01
February	15, B. and M. copy Bill 44 folios \$4.40, letter to R. W. S. 50c.....	4 90	
	post 1c (20) perusing and considering Bill served and		
February	21, advising on same \$5. (25) fee on consultation with Mr. C. Robinson as to ans. \$10.	5 00	01
February	27, Instruction for Brief \$1, Brief Bill \$4.40	5 40	10 00

	Letter to C. Robinson, 50c, post 3c	50	03
February 28,	Fee on consultation with Mr. Robertson \$10.....	10	00
March 1st,	Attending R. W. Scott, and conference with him and with Mr. Blake as to form of answer \$4	4	00
March 4th,	Attending Mr. Robertson w. draft answer and confer- ence as to frame of same, \$5. Letter to McD. B. and F. 50c.....	5	00
March 6th,	Letter for McD. B. and W. letter to Hon. R. W. Scott 50c, post 1c.....	50	01
March 18,	Letter for C. R. and E. (19) Letter for A. J. C. Atten- ding R.W. Scott as to defence, and long conference with him thereon \$10.....	10	00
March 22,	Letter to McD. B. and W. 50c, post 1c. (24) Letter to McD. B. and W. 50c.....	1	00
March 27,	Fee Attending Mr. Badgerow and arranging for one month's further time to answer, \$1	1	00
March 29,	Letter from McD. B. and N. Attending Mr. Cattanach and arranging that he do not move to dismiss by reason of one obtaining a month's further time to answer, \$2. Letter to McD. B. and N. 50c, post- age 1c.....	2	50
April 9th,	Letter to J. G Scott 50c, post 1c	50	01
April 15,	Attending Attorney-General as to answer, \$1	1	00
April 19,	Copy answer of Attorney-General, 56 folios \$5.60. (21) letter to J. G. S. 50c.....	6	10
April 24,	Draft answer of R. W. Scott, 20 folios \$4..... Fee settling \$6. Letter to Hon. E. B. 50c.....	4	00
April 25,	Attending Mr. Badgerow, and obtaining further time to answer, \$1.00	50	600
May 7,	Letter from McD. B. & N., Letter to McD. B. & N., 50c. post 1c	1	00
" 12,	Letter to Hon. R. W. S., 50c., (14) Letter f. McD. B. & N ...	50	01
" 14,	Copy answers of R. W. S., 6 folios 60c., attending Mr. Scott, 60c., and conference \$1. attending McDonald B. & N., \$1. Letter to McD. B. & N., 50c. post 1c. (15). Letter of R. W. S	1	60
" 15,	W. answers attending C. L. Dept., for signature of Com- missioner, 50c	1	50
" 16,	Attending Mr. Badgerow, and conference who arranged to allow filing of answers, costs to be costs in the same, \$1	1	00
"	Copying answers of Scott, 6 folios, 60c	60	
"	(17) Attorney to file answers 50c. paid 60c., copy- ing answers 60c. Notice of fig. C. & S., 80c	1	90
" 19,	Attending services, order to produce, attending service demand for co. answers, attending to serve same, 60c	60	60
" 22,	Attorney to bes. and fa. order to produce, \$1. paid 50c fee \$1.....	2	00
"	Endst. 40c. C. & S. of order and endst., \$1, (27)	1	40
"	Dpt. affton. prod.	1	40
"	3 folios and co., 90c. Attg. Comm., 50c. paid 20c.	1	00
"	Attg. Commissr. Cr. Lands and conference, \$1 ...	30	20
" 27,	Co. afft. of R. W. Scott, on production	1	30
" 28,	Attg. to file afft. 50c. paid 10c. Notice of filing C. & S. 80c ..	3	70
" 30,	Copying Bill 37 folios, \$3.70	10	

June	2, Attending services demand attending to services copying aft. of R. W. Scott on prodn., 50c. (14) Attending services order to amend	50
"	25, Attending service demand Bills. Attorney to serve same 50c., (27) Letter f. McD. B. & A	50
"	27, Letter to McD. B. & A. 50c., post 1c.....	50
July	15, Fee Attending Mr. Badgerow and conference, and in- formed him that we would produce Mr. Scott this week for examination, (he gave no answer) \$1.....	01
August	25, Letter to McD. & B. 50c., post 1c.....	1 00
September	5, Letter to McD. B. & A., 50c., post 1c.....	01
"	6, Attending Mr. Badgerow and conference \$1.....	01
"	9, Letter from J. T. Garrow, p. 2. Letter to McD. B. & A., 50c., post 1c.....	1 00
"	Dft. notice of motion, 4 folios and copy, \$1.20.....	01
"	24, Dig. Bill of costs, 5 folios and copy, \$1.50	1 20
	Fee attending Mr. Badgerow and conference, who says to send bill of costs that plaintiff's bill will probably be dismissed, \$1	1 50
"	Letter to McD. B. & N., 50c., post 1c. Attending service, order dismissing bill	01
October	2, Attending taxatn., \$1., paid \$1.10, (8) attending for cost 50c., paid 50c	01
"	9, Letter to McD. B. & N., 50c., post 1c., (10) Letter of McD. B. & A	1 50
November	8, Letter to G. W. B., 50c., post 1c	01
"	27, Letter from McD. B. & W. \$25.16..	01
"	29, Letter to McD. & B., 50c., post 1c.....	16
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		106 80
		\$139 53
	Taxed off	\$ 10 00
	Taxed at	\$129 53

Sept. 22nd, 1875.

The Hon. R. W. Scott,
In account with Blake, Kerr & Boyd.

1873.		\$	cts.	\$	cts.
November 29.	Seymour, v. Attorney-General, By cash of McDougall. " " " English v. McDougall costs.			25	16
1875.	June 14. " " " To costs per memo..... By Balance :	139	53	114	37
		139	53	139	53
	To Balance due..... Taxed off.....	114	37	10	00
		104	37		

Re Rykert.

1874.

	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
November 29, Fee for retainer and fee on long consultation and advice as to evidence, &c.....		40 00
24, Fee attending before Committee, and attending with Mr. McKellar, and conference and advice as to evidence, &c., and attending with him to see witnesses engaged all day.....		30 00
Attending for summons for Graydon.....		
Attending for summons for Simons		
Attending for summons for Hyman.....		
Attending for summons for McDonald.		
Letters to Currie & H., with summons for Graydon, post 3c.; paid agents attending to serve, 50c	53	
Paid agent's letter advising, 50c., post, 3c	53	
Letter to Ball & B., with summons for Simons, post, 3c. paid agents attending to serve, 50c.....	53	
Paid agent's telegram, 50c., paid 25c	75	
Paid agent's letter advising, 50c. post, 3c.....	63	
Paid Simons' witness fees	5 00	
Letter to Cronyn and M., with summons for service on Hyman and McDonald, post, 3c	03	
Paid agents attending to same, \$1.00. Paid conduct money, \$20.	21 00	
Paid agent's telegram, 50c., and paid 25c. ; paid cab-hire \$3.25	4 00	53
Paid agent's letter advising, 50c., post, 3c		
Attending for summons for W. T. Keiley.....		
Attending for summons for G. W. Keiley.....		
Attending for summons for Gunn		
" 25, Telegram to Cronyn & M., paid.....	50	
Paid agents attending Hyman's office three times.....	1 50	
Fee attending Mr. McKellar, and conference and advice as to evidence.....	5 00	
Attending for summons for Tilison and others.....		
" 26, Fee attending before Committee, evidence taken all day. (Advice as to further evidence also, and attending and arranging for further case).	30 00	
" 27, Fee attending before Committee, evidence taken all day. (Advice as to further evidence including conference with Mr. Kingsmill, Mr. Cattanach, Mr. McMaster and others).	30 00	
December 1, Fee attending before Committees engaged all day.....	30 00	
" 2, Fee attending before Committee on examination.....	30 00	
" 3, Fee attending before Committee engaged all day on case and evidence.....	30 00	
" 4, Fee attending before Committee engaged all day on examination of witnesses	30 00	
" 7, Paid agents at London attending to serve Carling.	50	
Paid agents letter, 50c. ; post, 3c	53	
Fee attending before Committee, evidence taken, engaged all day		
" 11, Fee attending Committee with evidence discovered, and argument as to admissibility of evidence of Carling.	30 00	
" 14, Fee attending Committee, evidence taken	10 00	
" 15, Fee attending before Committee, evidence closed.....	30 00	
	10 00	

The Hon. A. McKellar,
in account with Blake, Kerr & Boyd.

1875.			\$ cts.	\$ cts.
November 23,	<i>Re Rykert.</i>	By cash Retainer	40	00
December 18,	"	To costs, per memorandum	371	40
		By Balance	331	40
			\$371	40
		To Balance due	331	40

The Hon. Archibald McKellar,
in account with Blake, Kerr & Boyd.

1874.			\$ cts.	\$ cts.
December 18,	To Balance due	331	40	
1875.				
January 3,	<i>Re Rykert,</i> paid agents at St. Catharines for the following attendance, &c.:—			
	Copy summons for witness	1	00	
	Attending to serve (witness away)	50		
	Agents' letters and postage	53		
	Attending to serve Giles, 50c., and paid conduct money, \$6	6	50	
	Attending to serve Woodriff, 50c., and paid conduct money, \$6	6	50	
	By balance	346	43	
			\$346	43
	To balance due	346	43	

Pay and charge to Legislation,
(Signed) ADAM CROOKS.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

The Committee met.

Thursday, 8th February, 1877.

Present :

The Chairman,
Messieurs Ballantyne,
Deacon,
Ferris,
Gibson,
Lauder,

Hon. Messieurs Crooks and Macdougall,
Messieurs Meredith,
Merrick,
Ross,
Striker,
Williams.

Minutes last meeting read and approved.

The Chairman read a memorandum from Mr. J. W. Bridgland in reply to Mr. Gibson's motion of yesterday, as follows :

MEMO (A). " Messieurs William and Robert Griffith never to my knowledge sent in Tenders to the Crown Lands Department for supplies for Colonization Roads except in the year 1874, which last are in the hands of the Committee now, neither were any price lists furnished at any time to my knowledge."

(Signed) J. W. BRIDGLAND,
Superintendent Colonization Roads.

February 8th, 1877.

Mr. Bridgland was sent for and examined briefly, after which he signed his evidence.

(See Appendix H. to this day's Minutes.)

Mr. R. J. Griffith recalled, and his evidence of yesterday read.

Mr. Ferris' Memorandum of enquiries of yesterday, also read.

Mr. R. J. Griffith's examination resumed.

Letter dated August 25th, 1871 (marked B.1.) from W. R. Griffith to Hon. M. C. Cameron, Commissioner of Crown Lands, produced and ordered to form part of Mr. Griffith's evidence.

Evidence read to witness, and signed by him.

(See Appendix I. to this day's Minutes.)

Ordered, That Mr. John Morison, wholesale grocer, be summoned to appear again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Lauder, it was resolved that the proceedings of this Committee up to the present date, together with the evidence taken, be reported forthwith to the House of Assembly.

Adjournded till ten o'clock A.M., to-morrow.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

The following Report was presented to the House this day.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario :

The Select Standing Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the Public Accounts, beg leave to present the following as their

SECOND REPORT.

Your Committee have made a full examination of the Public Accounts for 1875, in so far as they relate to Legislation and Colonization Roads, and herewith submit the evidence taken before them and a copy of the record and minutes of their proceedings to the present date, and of documents placed before them during their investigations.

All which they respectfully submit.

(Signed) C. CLARKE,
Chairman.

Committee Room, 8th February, 1877.

Toronto, Thursday, February 8th, 1877.

J. W. Bridgland, recalled, deposed :

To the Chairman.—I received a requisition from the Committee, yesterday, for any tenders or lists of prices in connection with supplies furnished to the Department by W. & R. Griffith for Colonization Roads, in the years from 1868 to 1874, inclusive. The memo. produced is my reply, as follows :—

MEMO.

Messrs. William & Robert Griffith never, to my knowledge, sent in tenders to the Crown Lands Department for supplies for Colonization Roads, except in the year 1874, which last are in the hands of the Committee now ; neither were any price-lists furnished at any time to my knowledge.

8th February, 1877.

J. W. BRIDGLAND,
Supt. of Col. Roads.

Before 1874, supplies were obtained by my personal examination and enquiry of each article, commencing in 1868. In 1867 I called at one or two other establishments besides Griffith's. In some instances there was a comparison of prices. There was no competition up to 1868, except with some supplies for the Colonization Roads in 1867. In all the years from 1868 to 1874 there was no competition. Up to 1867 there was no competition between Griffith's goods and others. When buying I examined articles or samples. We sent orders as we required them. When orders were sent we did not re-examine goods, except when something new was ordered. We relied on the person supplying to send the quality wanted. There were a few complaints from the roads about goods. The merchants would in such cases send a better article afterwards.

To Mr. Gibson.—Up to 1874 from 1868 the same system was pursued. 1867 was the first year I made any important purchases; previous to that the overseers supplied themselves.

To Mr. Meredith.—I was instructed by the Commissioner to change the mode in 1874. It was not from any representations I made. The overseers sent in their bills and vouchers for payment of supplies when they selected the supplies themselves. That was previous to 1867.

To Mr. Hardy.—The change I refer to in 1874, is asking for tenders.

To the Chairman.—The overseers were instructed by the Department what kind of supplies to purchase. This system was in operation from 1864 to 1867. They would supply themselves from any convenient place where they could purchase. Previous to 1867 if articles were known to be purchased which were not allowed by the Department they would be condemned and the men themselves would have to pay. If the price of an article was found to be exorbitant, the party supplying was written to. The price was judged by what the article could be got for here.

To Mr. Lauder.—I have tried to make improvements in the operations of the Department since 1867.

To the Chairman.—We are still making improvements.

To Mr. Hardy.—I don't think there is any advantage in obtaining tenders for groceries if the officer who buys be a person of capacity and integrity.

To Mr. Ross.—My opinion as to the present mode is based on past experience.

To Mr. Hardy.—I regard Mr. Cashman as an expert in the purchase of groceries, and a man of capacity and integrity.

J. W. BRIDGLAND.

R. J. Griffith, called, sworn, deposed :

February, 7th, 1877.

To the Chairman.—I was a member of the firm of W. & R. Griffith. They have supplied government contracts. In 1869 we supplied to the following amounts; In 1868, \$810.15; 1869, \$1592.20; 1870, nothing; 1871, \$924.48; 1872, \$4,226.60; 1873, \$7,775.75; 1874, \$784.96.

I think we tendered in 1869, the government officers called every year and solicited prices. I think we sent in a tender, but am not positive. I think at the beginning of the year we gave prices. I am not positive we furnished samples. They would be examined in the warehouse. In 1872, 1873 and 1874, we furnished samples, I believe. I think in 1869, tenders were not asked for by advertisement. We were always aware that we were competing with other houses. I don't think there was a change of mode in furnishing supplies. I don't think there is much gained in the long run by advertising. We supplied the government at close prices, as we would do with any respectable dealer. Prices of tea and syrup fluctuate a good deal. The brands of syrups furnished to colonization roads change. The brands supplied were a good medium syrup. The syrup supplied in 1873 at 55c. would be good medium quality. Young Hyson, 60c.; Soap, 7c. a pound, we made a rule of giving everything good.

Rice we furnished at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. per pound. My politics are pretty well known as a conservative. There was no change in our dealings with the government, when the change

of government took place, until I think the spring of 1874. In 1873 we had the whole supply. I would be afraid to speak now of the price of syrup in 1875; I don't recollect that it was as low as 48 cts. If we had quoted the Toronto price of an article unless we had a heavy stock and it was a part of a general order, the price the article cost us would not be considered an ordinary fair quotation; we never did give a cost quotation.

To Mr. Ferris.—We furnished a price list and samples to the Government, I think.

To Mr. Deacon.—I could not give more explicit information to-morrow than I can now, as to the manner in which supplies were furnished by us.

TORONTO, February 8th, 1877.

R. J. Griffith, recalled, deposed:

To the Chairman.—The only tender we gave was a price-list; not a tender called for by advertisement. This was previous to 1874. We understood that the officers of the Government were soliciting price-lists from other houses. They conveyed the impression to us that they were doing so, and we acted accordingly.

To Mr. Ferris.—I received the memo. from the Commissioner. I did not bring the figures from my books as to the amount of goods sold to the Government in 1868. The goods were all supplied according to quotations furnished to the Government officers or samples shown to them. There was no formal tender called by advertisement. As far as I can recollect, the quotations were submitted generally at the beginning of the year, at which time we would get the order, supposed to supply the greatest part of the year. We subsequently got orders and supplied them without sending quotations. In each year this course was pursued. That would be the index of the prices at that particular time. If prices would advance or decline during the year, the Government would be treated as any other good cash customer, and the goods would be taken without any further test beyond seeing that they agreed with the current market rate. I presume there was more care in this respect shown by the Government than by any other customer. I know Cashman slightly. I don't remember submitting goods to him. I think Mr. Bridgland was one, and going a good many years further back, some of the foremen or overseers would come in and examine, and note prices and select goods, and as between these parties and our house the price would be fixed. There was no change until the change in the spring of 1874, I have referred to, when the head of the Crown Lands Department was changed. It was then, I think, Cashman first came for a tender. I have a distinct recollection of Mr. Bridgland coming to our house. The change I refer to was that Cashman came to the office to get tenders, which we gave him. I considered those tenders more formal than the quotations we had previously given. Cashman told us that tenders were required. I think there was a form made out, and we tendered. Cashman first took the tenders in the spring of 1874. In 1874 our supplies were \$784.96; in 1873, \$7,775.75. It was in the spring of 1874 the change took place in the mode of tendering, when I understood the Head of the Crown Land Department was changed. I did not know Cashman before he went into the Crown Lands Department. It was only through this Department that I knew anything of him at all. I don't remember knowing him when he was in the trade. The old quotations were only written out. I think the tenders Cashman wanted were printed. I don't see that there was much difference in the mode of doing this. The greatest difference was that we didn't get the orders. I don't know that a better method of getting supplies could be suggested. I think Government always got as well supplied as any other customer. I know Jaffray very well. He is a man of respectable standing in the trade. Beyond the inspection by Bridgland, or the overseers, of the goods we furnished, I don't know that there would be any inspection at the Department. The goods went to the Government the same as to any other customer. Their complaints were very seldom; there was nothing serious, and we always tried to make things right if there were complaints. I would not be able to say very well without seeing the goods, whether Jaffray's prices for syrups, in 1874, and for teas, 60c., were right. The transactions would be between Mr. Jaffray and the Government agent, if it was left to that officer. We understood purchases were left to them. We knew nothing of any one other than them having control.

To Mr. Meredith.—In each year we gave quotations. Samples were examined by the Government officer, and the prices referred to the samples, so that he knew what goods we could supply for certain prices. After 1867 I am doubtful that overseers bought anything. As far as my recollection goes, they did not buy after 1867. The orders were always put in writing, and I think the overseers brought memorandums of what they wanted. We do all our business by sample. It would not be possible to give same tea all the year round. An equal value and grade could be got. The same applies to sugars and syrups. The samples are generally kept. It would not be unusual for a grocer to agree to supply goods of an equal grade, at a fixed price. I cannot account for the increase of supplies of 1872 over 1871, or 1873 over 1872, except there was more work going on and more men employed. I am not aware that other persons beside ourselves were supplying. I cannot tell why we did not supply in 1870. We made no enquiries as to whether anyone else was supplying. In 1874 Mr. Cashman called for prices. There was nothing of a special nature that I could name in the interview with Cashman, to give me the impression that we could not get the order. I formed the impression, but could give no definite reason why. There had been no complaint of our supplies, and our dealings with the Dept. were quite satisfactory so far as we knew. Our business is larger than Mr. Jaffray's, I should think we would be in a better position to supply than he would. He retails and also does a jobbing trade. [Synopsis of tenders produced, and shown to witness.] These tenders bear out that, I think, ours was the fairest price there. A merchant could easily form an idea as to the correctness and fairness of these tenders. He could not very well compare one with another without examining the goods. A merchant would form an opinion without looking at samples *e. g.*, tea at 20c to 60c. and at 30c to 50c. Now tea at 20c. we would not send at all, every merchant knows it is the lowest grade, in fact, it was rare at that time to find tea at 20c. at all. The freight charges would be the same on a low grade as on a good grade of goods. We always thought the Government should supply the men with a good grade. We would send tea at 50c to 60c. I don't think there is any guide to some of these figures, unless samples were put before them. There was no tea at 20c. a lb. that we would think fit to send to anybody. My minimum price for tea is 30c to 50c. At that time considering it was a cash customer, we might put in a fair grade of tea. I should think we could give better quality of tea than Jaffray, whose prices are 20c. to 60c. Jaffray's minimum price for syrup is 34c. mine is 47c. I don't think it possible to supply such syrup as we sent for 34c. We could not send medium quality for that or anything like it; syrup is very heavy, and the freight heavy, and we go on the principle of sending a good article. Prices cannot be determined by any rule.

To Mr. McDougall.—There are only three or four grades of sugars, and a merchant could easily understand what should be sent, and what the price should be. The prices quoted show the judgment of the merchants themselves as to what quality of article should be sent. I don't think Close ever had any experience as to the goods required by the Government; Frank Smith had supplied, and his price for sugar is $\frac{1}{2}$ c. over me. Mr. Jaffray's prices may have been the first he ever submitted. He could buy to as good advantage as we could.

To Mr. Gibson.—I think we supplied the Colonization Roads previous to 1867.

To Mr. Ferris.—A merchant or expert who had examined the goods and made a memorandum of his book would be able to judge as to which price list would give him the best value. It would not be unusual for a merchant to agree to furnish to a Government or contractors, to give the same grade and value, at a stated price for a particular period, after samples had been examined.

To the Chairman.—Among merchants, that is not a usual way of dealing, but with contractors it is not out of the way to do it.

To Mr. Ferris.—I have been in business about 15 years. I don't know that we ever had a written contract of the kind which I have described as not unusual. We contract with the Government for a specified quality according to sample. In what we have done, the quantities were usually mentioned. I don't know that we ever had a contract with Government or any one else without the quantity being specified or being pretty well understood. We never had a contract to furnish goods of a certain quality at a stated

price in unlimited quantities. Merchants don't do business of that kind without having an idea of the quantity wanted.

To Mr. Hardy.—Before 1874 we never sent in to the government a quotation of what we would furnish goods for. Usually in a day or two after we would get an order for goods.

Our sugars are $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent per pound lower than Mr. Jaffray in the tenders for 1874. Our tender is lower throughout, but tea. Sugar is 8 cts., our tea is 30 to 50cts., syrup is 47cts. I think this would be suitable to send. It would be good medium syrup at a low price. We charged 55 cts. in 1873 for syrups. I assume that it was then higher. I am not sure it was. Sugars were higher. I would not at present swear they were higher. We charged 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. Tea in 1873 we charged 60cts. Teas changed. Our account is dated June 13th, 1873. We would send the goods to the nearest station and send duplicate bills to the Department. We sent shipping bills sometimes to Mr. Bridgland. In 1871 we had no uniform way of sending our shipping bills. Mr. Bridgland gave instructions regarding shipping. The invoices are made out to the Department, and sent there. We always considered Mr. Bridgland the officer of the Department. I don't remember communicating to the heads of the Department. The letter of August 25th, 1871, was sent to Mr. Cameron, because we were glad to see him appointed. The letter is in my own handwriting, as is follows :—

ONTARIO CHAMBERS,

August 25th, 1871.

M. C. CAMERON, Esq.

Commissioner Crown Lands.

DEAR SIR,—It gives us very great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 18th instant, being the first kind favour from you in your new Department.

We are respectfully,
(Signed) W. & R. GRIFFITH.

I think it refers to the first order we got for goods after Mr. Cameron's appointment to the head of the Department. Mr. Cameron is an old personal friend, and I was very proud of his appointment.

To the Chairman.—I think we showed Mr. Cashman samples in 1874. If he asked for samples we showed them, and I think he did ask for them. Previous to 1872, the goods were not always personally inspected by persons ordering them. He did not compare them with the samples given at the beginning of the year. I have not been able to find the price of golden syrup in 1875. I could not speak of Mr. Jaffray's syrups furnished in 1874, from 52 to 55cts., 60cts. is not too high for good tea. It ought to be good tea at that. Previous to 1874, Mr. Bridgland came with a memorandum and got our quotations. He looked at the samples at the same time in the beginning of the year.

Question by the Hon. Mr. McDougall.—From your experience as a merchant, do you consider that the so called tenders asked from merchants by the Crown Lands Department were of any advantage to the government in respect to the quality and price of the goods ultimately furnished.

A.—I don't think there is much advantage gained. It depends a great deal on the respectability of the house. Tenders may be asked for and unfair prices might be given, and any loss might be made up to the house on subsequent orders, so that I don't think the government would gain much. I look upon the tender produced (synopsis of tender) as a formal tender. This tender would not be repeated in every case, and throughout the year I don't think the gain would be great enough to pay for advertising.

Q. By Hon. Mr. Macdougall.—If the agent of the Department examined the goods without reference to the tenders at the time of purchase, would not that examination be a better security to the government than to rely on tenders without such examination?

A.—I think it would, assuming of course, the individual knew something of the goods, and was accustomed to buy.

To Mr. Hardy.—I have known Mr. Jaffray 15 or 20 years. He stands well in the trade, and bears the reputation of an honourable dealer.

Q. By Mr. Meredith.—Do you think that it would be of advantage, assuming that the Department dealt with houses of respectability, to require tenders for the supply of groceries for a fixed period, at a fixed price, for goods equal to the grade sample furnished with the tender.

A. Still assuming that they were dealing with a respectable house, it might be an advantage that it would be a guide if they had the samples. There might be advantage there if a government officer would get samples of just the kind of goods and kind of grades he wanted, and if a respectable house would keep up with the sample, each having duplicates, at fixed prices; assuming also that the officer understood the goods.

Q. By Mr. Ferris.—Would it not depend on whether the goods went up or down the market.

A. No, I am assuming it is a respectable house, and if they agree to give a certain grade of goods they would do so. If the price went down, the government would have to suffer; but I think it would gain, taking all things into account. I never suggested that plan to the government during the years I was dealing with them.

To the Chairman.—If the government had certain samples at the beginning of the year, and both government and merchant would have samples, I think an annual contract with a respectable house, at fixed rates, would be an advantage.

ROBERT J. GRIFFITH.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Friday, 9th February, 1877.

Committee met.

Present :

The Chairman.

Hon. Messieurs Crooks,
Macdougall,
Wood,
Messieurs Ballantyne,
Gibson,
Merrick,
Williams,

Messieurs Lauder,
Ross,
Hardy,
Deacon,
Ferris,
Meredith,
Striker.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Wood,—That Mr. Langmuir be first examined.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lauder,—That Mr. John Morison be first examined.

The amendment being first put and the yeas and nays being called for were taken down as follows :—

Yea.

Messieurs Deacon,
Lauder,
Meredith,
Merrick.—4

Nay

Hon. Mr. Wood,
Messieurs Gibson,
Hardy,
Ross,
Striker,
Williams.—6.

So it passed in the negative.

And the original motion being put was carried on the same division.

Mr. John Morison was then permitted to retire, being first requested to appear again before the Committee on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Mr. Langmuir was then called, sworn, and examined as to the method of obtaining supplies for Public Institutions.

(See Appendix K to this day's Minutes.)

Mr. Langmuir produced papers (C 1 and D 1) showing total cost of maintaining Public Institutions. (See Mr. Langmuir's evidence this day.)

Further examination postponed, and Mr. Langmuir requested to appear again before Committee on Thursday next, the 15th instant.

Adjourned until 10 A.M. on Tuesday next.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

(K.)

TORONTO, Friday Feb. 9th, 1877.

J. W. Langmuir, being called and sworn, deposed :

To Mr. Hardy.—I am Inspector of Asylums, Prisons, and Public Charities. I have been nine years in that position, commencing in 1868. I was the first occupant under the Act after Confederation. The purchases of supplies for public institutions made by me are under the instruction and authority of the Provincial Secretary. When I took office, almost everything was submitted to tender—certainly all groceries, provisions, and stores. I don't think dry goods were. The same system is in operation now. Perishable supplies, such as butter, flour, oat meal, corn meal, pot barley, pork, meat, &c., are now tendered for. The following is the complete list of articles of supply that is tendered for : butcher's meat, flour, oat meal, barley, pork, hams and bacon, butter, cordwood and coal.

Everything but these are bought in the open market. We do not call for tenders for groceries and dry goods, because I find it better not to do so, and have so reported. I found, when first appointed, that teas, sugars, groceries were asked for by tender. The offers were then almost exclusively confined to retail men under the system referred to, viz.: by public tender accompanied by samples. I found at my quarterly inspection that the goods were not those tendered for, and of which samples had been shown. It is very obvious the goods can't be the same, if a certain class of stores are asked for, and the tenders of retail traders are accepted, because they cannot keep the same class of goods always in stock. On many occasions the goods were not as good as samples. For instance, young hyson tea would be asked for, the best that could be given, for say, 60 cents a lb., and if, say 100 chests were required to be delivered at various times during the year, we found the contractor did not supply the same quality as he would have, had it been delivered at once. We were dealing with retail groceries, and very generally paid retail prices. When first appointed to office, I was not attached to any minister of the Crown, but consulted with Mr. Sandfield Macdonald, the Premier. I reported to him and he represented to the Government of the day, that we were paying retail prices and not getting the benefit that should attach to cash purchases. On page 27 of my second annual report (1869), my remarks on this point are to be found. The tender system in regard to groceries was abolished in 1869, I think.

To Mr. McDougall.—We changed from the tender system to purchasing dry-goods and groceries in the open market. We generally buy from the local dealers where the institutions are situated, but when we find we are not getting value, we withdraw our trade to another quarter, as we have done in London twice.

To Mr. Hardy.—A requisition for supplies is made by every institution at the beginning of every quarter of the year, and transmitted to me. I consult with the officers of Toronto institutions as to the quality of goods they want, and I frequently proceed to the various dealers, and buy the goods just as a merchant in good standing would. They deliver the goods immediately. In London and Toronto, we have store-houses, and buy the quarter's supply at once, so that a bill large enough to make it important to wholesale houses is obtained. The prices under our present system are very much lower than before, and the quality now is just what we buy and pay for. Upon the whole, the result of the change is most satisfactory. We get the very goods that we buy at a very much lower price than before, and at the lowest wholesale rates. Formerly the competition

was almost exclusively confined to retail dealers, the goods were seldom obtained below retail rates. The result of the change has been that the cost of maintaining the patients per head has been reduced. The reduction in maintenance is not altogether due to that, because the greater the number in the public institution, the cost per head would be less, but we have reduced the cost by the new system not less than \$10 or \$11 per head per annum. In 1868, the year that I based my recommendation on, the cost per head was \$155 in the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, last year it was \$132, I think, in London, and \$128 in Toronto, and this in the face of the fact, that groceries, flour and provisions have advanced, and the dietary list of the patients has been considerably improved.

To Mr. McDougall.—I think that it is *infra dig.* for wholesale men to send samples and give tenders, unless they have a retail shop attached to their business. The supply of Public Institutions got to be looked upon as a retail trade, and wholesale dealers would not tender; *e.g.*, in the case of a purchase of 100 chests of tea, the delivery would be spread over the whole year, so that the orders would be small. We have retained many of the accounts the Institutions had in 1869; of course we have taken on new ones. I think the accounts are very fairly distributed between the old and new accounts. In some cases the new ones have been pretty large. I rely entirely on my own judgment in purchasing goods. The minister is not responsible for the quality of the goods and prices, but when requisitions are sent in I consult with him as to whom the goods should be bought from. The cost of Public Institutions for 1874 and 1875, two years, was \$552,166.49. The amount of goods tendered for, in round numbers, was \$200,000. The groceries and dry-goods—bought in open market—amounted to \$93,509. The wine, beer, and spirits are placed under the control of the Medical Superintendents, who purchase them. These supplies in the two years amounted to \$10,249. Salaries and wages amounted to \$178,870, other services such as light, laundry, repairs, &c., amounted to \$69,235. The only thing that could be submitted to tender in addition to those named, would be groceries and dry goods. I submit schedules of purchases of supplies, for 1874, (C1), and 1875, (D1).

TOTAL EXPENDITURE for the Maintenance of all the Public Institutions of the Province for 1874.

NAME OF INSTITUTIONS.	Salaries and Wages.		Groceries, &c.	Dry goods, Furniture and Furnishings.	Beer, Wine and Spirits and medical comforts.	Light, Laundry, Farm, Repairs, and all other expenditures.	Total amount expended by each Institution.
	£ cts.	£ cts.					
Toronto Asylum	21,389 81	38,741 74	5,883 31	4,723 91	2,544 32	8,296 15	81,579 24
London do	20,113 17	31,832 36	7,913 59	6,583 94	2,790 98	11,078 89	80,312 93
Institution for Deaf and Dumb	13,885 86	9,973 86	2,367 72	1,025 81	124 74	3,876 06	31,254 05
Institution for Blind	9,264 18	5,843 02	1,089 54	564 63	53 81	3,791 29	20,606 47
Central Prison	9,561 89	11,568 71	3,274 39	3,911 21	171 05	1,985 18	30,472 43
Provincial Reformatory..	11,074 12	3,685 52	641 89	2,629 71	78 09	3,324 12	21,433 45
Total.....	85,289 03	101,645 21	21,170 44	19,439 21	5,762 99	32,351 69	265,658 57

TOTAL EXPENDITURE for the Maintenance of all the Public Institutions of the Province for 1875.

NAME OF INSTITUTIONS.	Salaries and Wages.		Butcher's Meat, Flour, Butter and Fuel, supplied by Contract.	Groceries, &c.		Dry Goods, Furniture and Furnishings.	Beer, Wine and Spirits and Medical Complaints.	Light, Laundry, Farm, Repairs, and all other expenditures.	Total amount expended by each Institution.
	\$	cts.		\$	cts.				
Toronto Asylum	22,262	41	35,475 00	8,678	17	7,621 84	1,931 19	9,487 14	85,455 75
London Asylum	20,971	99	31,322 54	8,968	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	9,690 96	2,268 48 $\frac{1}{2}$	10,819 37	84,041 96
Institution for Deaf and Dumb	14,464	79	10,261 73	2,112	01	1,169 83	83 53	4,844 35	32,936 24
Institution for the Blind..	10,539	39	6,076 71	1,760	25	402 83	69 24	3,836 75	22,685 17
Central Prison	15,148	47	11,619 41	3,388	22	4,452 88	133 15	4,852 67	39,594 80
Provincial Reformatory...	10,194	82	3,710 15	1,041	95	3,702 75	100 89	3,043 44	21,794 00
Total.....	93,581	87	98,465 54	25,949	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	27,041 09	4,586 48 $\frac{1}{2}$	36,883 72	286,507 92

The goods tendered for are advertised for in the last of December of each year in every town where there is a Public Institution.

To Mr. Meredith.—The papers are Government papers, except in Toronto, where we advertise in the *Mail*.

To Mr. Hardy.—The tenders are sealed up, and put in a locked box of which I have the key. At noon of the last day, they are opened and entered in a book numbered, which I submit to the minister in charge, with my recommendation for acceptance. I have always recommended the lowest tender, and it has been invariably accepted, except in one case where an old contractor who gave satisfaction was only one cent per 100 lbs. higher on beef than a new man.

To Mr. Meredith.—The lowest tenders were accepted, under all governments under whom I have served.

To Mr. McDougall.—The tenders are given on a definitely stated quality of goods. These specifications I produce.

To Mr. Hardy.—The purchases in open market, are made in many cases from persons with whom we have dealt. Some are Conservatives and some Reformers. When I render my quarterly requisitions, Mr. Wood has asked me if I could not buy a certain line of goods from so and so. I would report that I could do so in certain lines, if I found I could do so, and the order would be given to the party for those certain lines.

To Mr. Ferris.—No minister under which I ever served has attempted to induce me to give a larger price to particular persons.

To Mr. Hardy—The purchases at London are made by the bursar, who gets offers, price lists and samples from the several houses. If I could not visit London at the time myself, I ask him to send the samples down for examination, before I sanction any purchases. I have about 200 samples now in my room, from different places. In London some years ago, I think the merchants would not offer groceries and particularly dry-goods, as low as I could get quotations here. I told the bursar there to call upon the merchants and tell them that the purchase would be paid for to within 10 or 12 days, and give their quotations accordingly. I was not satisfied with them, and bought in Toronto,

that year. Since that the London merchants give better quotations, and we buy from them now altogether.

To Mr. Meredith.—Wherever there has been a departure from the acceptance of the lowest tender, I give my report on the tenders in writing. My reports are usually given orally. In case of a tender for coal and wood, if the coal was higher and the wood lower than prices quoted in other tenders, we are governed by the lowest total of the whole. Coal and wood merchants know this. Recommendations are made orally, with regard to goods purchased in open market. I very frequently don't go near the minister at all, except when the January bills, which are large, come in. In Toronto I visit the merchants myself. In other places I get samples at the beginning of the year. I have recommended the purchase of an annual supply at one time if goods are low and we have store-houses attached. The London bursar sends price-lists and samples quarterly. I hold myself entirely responsible as to the quality and price of the goods. I leave the purchase of smaller lots of goods to judgment of the Bursars. I do not always instruct as to from whom the Bursar shall buy, but I select the prices and qualities wanted. Mr. Wood never interfered with me in regard to London purchasers, and he has sometimes given me the name of a wholesale dealer in Toronto, and purchases would be made from him if he offered as low as others. In 1874 we bought upwards of \$6,000 of groceries from Frank Smith & Co.; in London we bought from Elliot Bros.; also from others. In every case we got good value. Dry-goods we bought in Toronto that year. Next year we bought entirely in London. I am not aware that the purchases were changed from London to Toronto in 1874 in consequence of representations made by a wholesale house. None such were made to me. We buy about the same class of goods in groceries as would be suitable for a good respectable farm-house. I dare say it would be advantageous to buy all government supplies through one officer, on account of the quantities required. I find considerable uniformity of prices among large wholesale merchants here. I think the principle adopted by a good respectable country merchant is a good one for Government institutions. The purchases in London have been as low as in any part of the country, taking freight, etc. into account.

To Mr. Hardy.—We have regular contractors for the Blind Institute in Brantford. At present they are:—For butcher's meat, Touse; for butter, Forbes; for fuel, Mann; for wood, Ford & Son. We don't contract for groceries. We get groceries from George Watt, other supplies from Foster & Turner. We buy there from month to month, or quarterly, for we have no storehouse there.

To Mr. Lauder.—Groceries have been purchased in Toronto for outside institutions. In one instance, in 1874, I found the London offers were not as good as we got here, and I bought that year upwards of \$5,000 or \$6,000 from Cramp, Torrance & Co., by auction. We bought very low, at a trade sale. The supplies were sent to London and Belleville. I have bought groceries and dry goods in Toronto for Orillia. John Waldy has been the contractor for butter for five years for many of the Public Institutions. He lives at Wellington Square. He has tendered every year I have been in office. Last year he supplied butter to Belleville, Brantford, and Toronto. He furnished flour one year. Mr. Waldy got the contract first many years ago. In 1876, we sent groceries from Toronto only to Orillia. I may have sent blankets, bought at a very low rate from the Cornwall Manufacturing Company, to Hamilton. We have sent almost all the groceries from Toronto to Penetanguishene. The small things we bought there. We never bought at Barrie. We buy for the Hamilton Asylum almost exclusively at Hamilton. Sheetings bought from England—a particular width—were sent to Hamilton from here. In 1869–70, we chiefly bought groceries from Michie & Co. During 1875–76, we have been buying from Mr. John Morison. One year—1874—we supplied teas, bought at auction, to outside places. In 1876–77, we bought the whole year's supply of teas, as we thought they would advance during the year, and I recommended that plan. I suppose we will buy and have bought 300 chests, taking December purchases into account. The teas vary in quality. I get good value in uncoloured Japans, which give the best satisfaction. The December purchases were made from J. C. Fitch & Co., John Morison, Fulton & Michie, and John Baxter. I can't now give you the amounts, as I have not prepared the statement for 1876.

J. W. LANGMUIR.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Tuesday, 13th February, 1877.

Committee met at 10 A.M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

The *Chairman*,
Messieurs Gibson,
Ross,

Messieurs Striker,
Williams.

Committee adjourned at 10.19 A.M., for want of a quorum.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Wednesday, 14th February, 1877.

Committee met at 10 A.M.

Present :

The *Chairman*,
Messieurs Deacon,
Ferris,
Gibson,
Lauder,

Messieurs Merrick,
Ross,
Striker,
Williams,
Wills.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. John Morison, Wholesale Grocer, Toronto, called, sworn and examined, relative to groceries supplied by him for Public Institutions, and the general mode of furnishing such supplies.

Evidence read to and signed by witness, who was then discharged.

(See Evidence Appendix L. to this day's Minutes.)

On motion of Mr. Merrick, it was Resolved,—That the Committee meet at 11 A.M. to-morrow.

Ordered, that Mr. Langmuir be summoned to appear before the Committee to-morrow.

Adjourned.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TORONTO, Feb. 14th, 1877.

John Morison sworn, deposed :

To Mr. Lauder.—I am a wholesale grocer in Toronto. We have furnished supplies to the Government. 1875 was the first year we supplied. Mr. Langmuir was the first to come into our store. Mr. Short came afterwards, and said he wanted to look at some groceries. The first order was for \$147.05 in July, 1875. In 1875 we supplied \$634.69 worth of goods to the Central Prison. They were all ordered by Mr. Short, Bursar. We supplied goods first in 1875, to the Lunatic Asylum. Mr. Langmuir came into my office and wanted to see groceries. I did not know him when he came in. I had not seen Mr. Wood or any other member of the Government on the subject of supplies. We have supplied the Lunatic Asylum since. Their account is open at present. I think last

December we sent a few hundred dollars worth to Orillia—no other place outside of Toronto, to my knowledge. I knew the supplies were for the Government. Mr. Langmuir, I think, always buys goods himself when they are over a few hundred dollars. Sometimes we send goods by order—small quantities. We always showed samples in selling. The order to Orillia, including ten boxes of tea in December, amounted to about \$800. The total amount of our sales for 1875 to the Government was \$4,590.18 : for 1876, \$5,509.76. These were direct sales out of my own warehouse. I have had no other sales. We do no selling to the Government except from our own store. Mr. Langmuir looks at samples before buying.

To Mr. Ferris.—Mr. Langmuir opened the account for the Asylum ; Mr. Short for the Central Prison. I knew nothing about their coming till they came.

To the Chairman.—We never solicited the account at all. A cash buyer could not have done any better by us than the Government did.

To Mr. Wills.—Mr. Langmuir generally buys when he comes in. Sometimes he takes a price list, and orders afterwards.

To Mr. Gibson.—I don't think the Government would be supplied cheaper by contracting at the beginning of the season at fixed prices for what would be required. Groceries have no regular brand. I take the Government to be in the position of a merchant buying \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year, and owing to the fluctuations in prices, it would not pay the merchant or Government to advertise. It would be far better to come in, look at the goods, take their chances, and buy as they require. The item of interest on a large order would be saved by not buying at once.

To Mr. Ferris.—The Government pursues the universal practice of the trade.

To Mr. Gibson.—I would place the Government in the position of a retail merchant. I think it better for a merchant or the Government to buy about once in three months. Assuming that my last argument holds good, I don't think a dollar would be gained by advertising and getting samples at the same time, because I presume the person who buys now would buy after the advertisement, and the samples would be of no more use in his office than they would in the stores, where he could see them.

To Mr. Ferris.—The Government, by their expert, transact their business in the same manner as a retail merchant.

To the Chairman.—I consider Mr. Langmuir and Mr. Short keen buyers, and fully efficient for the duty of purchasing.

To Mr. Lauder.—The system I would recommend would not apply to books. The argument is not analogous. Tea fluctuates ; I have never, in all my experience, been able to duplicate exactly an order for tea.

To the Chairman.—Coal is brought here by vessels, and is delivered to the purchaser's place.

To Mr. Ross.—I don't believe our best houses would trouble themselves to tender for groceries. The sample of tea that might be tendered for at the beginning of the year, would not be in stock at a subsequent time, and the quality of the second quantity might be poorer than that ordered.

To Mr. Ferris.—I have sometimes seen 120 or 140 chests of the same tea. They would run from 20 chests to 170 chests of a line. A particular line of tea can be furnished to the extent of the quantity of the particular line ; it is the same as with butter ; when the quantity supplied by one farmer is exhausted, the quality of that supplied by another farmer would probably not be the same. There is a fixed standard by which flour can be known and purchased.

To Mr. Lauder.—There are no brands of syrups. There is no such thing as inspection, like flour inspection.

To Mr. Merrick.—Amber syrups vary in price 10c. to 15c. a gallon. There is no number by which they are known. We had a refiner in Montreal up to a few years ago. He had regular brands, and we generally purchased from him at that time ; but even then his brands were not always the same quality, and sometimes would make an allowance of three cents. It has paid us within the last few years to import from New York, except during the war.

To the Chairman.—I have supplied syrups to the Government.

To Mr. Lauder.—I am not in favour of advertising for tenders for groceries. I don't think the Government would gain anything by it. The Government can buy now, the same as any other cash customer, at 5 per cent. to 7 per cent. over cost for cash, at any wholesale house in the city. I don't think they could do better than that.

To the Chairman.—I always believed that we were competing with other parties when Mr. Langmuir called on us.

To Mr. Ferris.—When Mr. Langmuir gave one order, we never knew that he was coming back again.

To Mr. Merrick.—Mr. Langmuir gave us the order for large quantities, like ten chests of tea or two or three hogsheads of sugar. We commenced furnishing goods to the Government in 1875. Mr. Short stated what kind of goods he wanted. He asked to see samples and get prices of certain grades of groceries, and purchased there and then. I am aware that the Government advertised for pork and flour. The prices vary. I don't think a merchant would ask for tenders for even pork. I put the Government in a similar position. I see by advertisements that the Government asks for tender for pork and flour. The same rule regarding value of pork and flour does not apply to groceries, which have no brand. We know rice upon seeing it, by comparing quality. We know soap by certain grades. We can buy lines of tea up to certain quantities, about 170 chests. The average lines are 50 to 80 chests; 170 chests was the largest quantity of one line I ever bought. If I were purchasing I would go around, get prices, and compare samples. Without comparison of samples, prices are of no value. I don't think it is a proper way to give price lists without samples.

To Mr. Ross.—It would not be necessary to send samples if the purchaser saw the samples when asking for prices.

To Mr. Merrick.—I think wholesale houses would not tender, because they and importers very seldom tender. If the purchaser wanted to buy the whole stock of tea, for instance, in a particular line, it would be legitimate for the wholesale dealer to sell; but they would not bind themselves to supply the same grade all through the year. Groceries are not inspected like flour, and the tendering system is open to be abused.

To Mr. Ross.—The government could be imposed upon by a dishonest dealer.

To Mr. Merrick.—In politics I am a supporter of the present administration.

To Mr. Gibson.—My opinion is most decidedly opposed to advertising for groceries at all, on account of the small profit on groceries and fluctuation in prices.

To the Chairman.—The purchase of Mr. Short was made after that made by Mr. Langmuir, for the Lunatic Asylum. When Mr. Short asked for prices, we believed he did so for the purpose of comparison with prices already in his book. Mr. Langmuir asked for prices and looked at our goods.

To Mr. Lauder.—Mr. Langmuir purchased there and then.

To the Chairman.—The whole of a long line of teas is not often bought by a retail merchant. I don't consider it advisable in our own business to buy a whole year's stock in advance. I know of no one who does. The practice is not common.

J. MORISON.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Thursday, 15th February, 1877.

Committee met at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Present:

The *Chairman*,
Hon. Messieurs Crooks and Wood,
Messieurs Ferris,
Gibson,
Lauder,

Messieurs Ross,
Striker,
Williams,
Wills.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Langmuir being absent from the city, the Chairman read the following explanatory telegram:

HAMILTON, February 14th, 1877.

C. Clarke, M.P.P., Chairman Public Accounts Committee :

" Cannot reach Toronto before 1 P.M to-morrow, unless I leave my work undone in London.

" (Signed) J. W. LANGMUIR,
" Inspector."

The Committee proceeded to the further consideration of the Public Accounts of 1875, page 49, under the head of " Administration of Justice."

Mr. Wills asked for papers showing in detail the expenditure in the Counties of Brant, Elgin and Hastings, for the administration of Criminal Justice.

Mr. Gibson asked for similar papers for the County of Huron. Papers produced in both cases.

The Committee decided to call Mr. Henry Totten, Audit Clerk of Criminal Justice Accounts, to give the necessary explanations in regard to the items asked for, and being called was sworn, and gave evidence touching the matter of enquiry.

(See Appendix M. to this day's Minutes.)

Evidence read to and signed by the witness.

On motion of Mr. Williams, it was ordered that the papers relative to the Administration of Criminal Justice in the County of Wentworth, and the City of Hamilton, for the years 1873 and 1876 be produced.

The Chairman was authorized to make another application to the Public Works Department for the statement of expenses incurred in the construction of the Central Prison, as asked for by resolution of 17th January last.

Mr. Langmuir was ordered to be summoned to give evidence to-morrow.
Adjourned until 11 o'clock A.M., tomorrow.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Chairman.

TORONTO, Feb, 15th, 1877.

Henry Totten, sworn, deposed :

To Mr. Wills.—I am the auditor of the Criminal Justice accounts (account of J. Cockshutt's, Brantford, of April, 1875, for \$110.90 produced.) I consider all of this account a proper charge upon the Administration of Criminal Justice. (Account of Francis T. Fox, Brantford, April 1st, 1875, produced.) This account also would be a proper charge upon the Administration of Criminal Justice. The accounts of the Sheriff and Constables are paid in full by the Government. Supplies are paid by the Government in the proportion of $\frac{833}{3987}$ in Brant County for March quarter, 1874.

To Mr. Wood.—The Government pays the whole of the accounts for Sheriffs, Clerks of the Peace, County Attorneys, so far as they relate to Criminal Justice, all Coroners' accounts for items mentioned in the tariff. Constables are paid by Government. The salary of the Gaoler, the Gaol Surgeon, the Turnkey and the gaol supplies are paid in the proportion which the criminal prisoners bear to the whole. For instance, if 833 should represent the number of days of criminal prisoners confined, and 3,154 the civil prisoners, the Government would then pay a proportion of $\frac{833}{3987}$. The accounts are sent to the Department by the County Treasurers, after being audited by a local board of audit. We are guided in auditing the accounts by the tariffs. The tariff relating to Sheriffs was passed in 1868 ; that of the County Attorney was established by C. S. U. C. chap. 106, and by an Order in Council passed May 31st, 1861, and by the tariff relating to County Judges Criminal Court ; that of the Clerk of the Peace, by a tariff established by the Judges of the Superior Court, in 1862, and by the tariff relating to County Judges Criminal Court ; that of the Coroner, by a tariff established by the Judges of the Superior Court, in 1845 ; that of the Constables by an Order in Council, approved July 24, 1874 ;

that of the Crier was established in 1845. After auditing the accounts, I recommend payment thereof to the Governor in Council. Where deductions are made, an abstract of them and the reasons therefor are sent to the County Treasurer. On my recommendation a cheque is issued in favour of the County Treasurer.

To Mr. Lauder.—We sometimes have complaints from County Treasurers, who claim that we should pay a greater proportion than we do for Constables, Coroners, and sometimes for gaol maintenance, but principally for Constables. We have had no official complaints—only those of the Treasurers. We find no difficulty in settling disputes. We treat all County Treasurers alike in regard to taxations and deductions.

To Mr. Wood.—There is hardly a county where there is no grumbling.

To Mr. Ross.—Under Chap. 120 C. S. U. C., certain payments are to be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Some County Treasurers claim that the meaning of the statute is that the Government shall pay the whole of the expenses in connection with criminal justice. Under Chap. 121 C. S. U. C., the whole of the expenses in connection with the administration of justice were payable out of the district funds. Subsequently to the passing of that Act, Chap. 120 was passed, which provided that in 1846 one-third of the expenses in connection with criminal justice should be paid by Government; and in 1847 two-thirds, and subsequently the whole. These proportions were arrived at by paying the whole out of the district funds, as provided by Chap. 121, and claiming the one-third and two-thirds from the Government. It was subsequently held in the case of *Bousett v. the County of Lambton*, 21 U. C. Reports 80, that the intention and effect of Chap. 120 C. S. U. C. is that the county shall be paid or re-imburfed by the Government all such expenses as come within that statute and have been audited by the proper auditors, according to the regulations of the Government, and not that the Clerks of the Peace, Coroner, Constables and Criers are to make out severally their accounts against the Provincial Government for such services; and in a recent case of the Sheriff of Lincoln *v. the Treasurer of the Corporation of Lincoln*, 31 U. C. Rep. 1, the question to be decided was whether the County Treasurer was right in refusing to pay the Sheriff's account, audited and allowed by the County Board of Audit, until it had also been allowed and audited and the amount of it paid over by the Provincial Government to the County Treasurer. Mr. Justice Wilson decided—"The Treasurer, after the county audit, is without further authority to pay such an account as the one in question, unless he can show that the items in question were so inadmissible and illegal that if they were paid the money could be recovered again from the person receiving it, the auditing and accounting with the Government is a matter alone between the Government and the county. The auditing by the County Board is a matter between the claimant and the County Treasurer."

To Mr. Lauder.—I think the accounts in connection with the Court of Queen's Bench are paid on the requisition of Mr. Dalton, who sends the items. I examine and audit all the accounts for the District of Algoma, Thunder Bay, etc.

To Mr. Wills.—The proportion of the account of J. Cockshutt, Brantford, paid by the Government, was $\frac{833}{3987}$. We take it for granted that the whole of the expenses of the Gaol are sent in, and we strike the proportions. The distinction is between prisoners confined upon indictable offences and all others.

To Mr. Lauder.—The accounts for Crown prosecutions, miscellaneous justice, and special services are audited in the Attorney-General's office.

HENRY TOTTEN.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Friday, 16th February 1877.

Committee met at 11 o'clock A.M.

Present:

The Chairman,
Hon. Mr. Wood,
Messieurs Ferris,
Gibson,

Messieurs Ross,
Williams,
Wills.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. H. Totten produced papers asked for yesterday by Mr. Williams, relative to expense of Administration of Criminal Justice in the County of Wentworth, and the City of Hamilton, and gave the required explanations, for which see his evidence, marked N, appended to this day's minutes.

Mr. Langmuir, having read and corrected his evidence of the 9th instant, it was read over to the Committee, and, there being no further questions put, the witness signed his deposition and was discharged.

A draft Report was submitted, and being read by the Chairman, it was adopted, and the Committee ordered it to be presented to the House this day.

Committee adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

Chairman.

The following Report was presented to the House this day :—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts, beg leave to present the following, as their

THIRD REPORT.

Your Committee have taken evidence as to the system followed in obtaining supplies for the maintenance of the Public Institutions of the Province, and submit it herewith for the consideration of the Legislature.

Your Committee have also taken evidence relative to the mode of auditing the accounts of County Treasurers, for the Administration of Criminal Justice, and present it, together with the minutes of proceedings to this date.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES CLARKE,

Chairman.

Committee Room, February 16th, 1877.

TORONTO, February 16th, 1877.

Henry Totten, recalled :

To Mr. Williams.—The amount of the account of the Wentworth Clerk of the Peace for December quarter, 1874, was \$594.23; the deductions amounted to \$378.21, as being properly payable by the Co. The items should not have been included in the bills. I also deducted \$86.66 as the amount to which the Clerk of the Peace was not legally entitled from the Government. I do not know whether the account had been paid by the Co. Treasurer. It was properly audited. The account of the County Attorney amounts to \$320.30 for the same quarter. That is his own private bill, and does not include fees for constables, etc. I think the practice by the County Treasurer is to pay these accounts after they are audited by the Local Board. The deductions on this bill amounted to \$62, \$20 of which were overcharges, \$40 were charges payable by the County. A special charge of \$92 for services at the Assizes was deferred and subsequently allowed.

In March quarter, 1875, the account of the Clerk of the Peace amounted to \$169.41, of this amount \$87.86 was deducted as being payable by the County. The County Attorney's account for the same quarter was \$224.17, from which \$4.50 were deducted as being improper charges, and \$54.89 special charges, the authority for which he did not produce, and I believe he has not done so, though required to do so.

In June quarter, 1875, the account of the Clerk of the Peace amounted to \$222.52. Of this amount, \$22.70 were deducted as being illegal charges; \$46.50 were doubtful charges, the authority for which was asked, and \$46.86 were amounts chargeable against the County. The amount for doubtful items, \$46.50 has not been paid yet. In case of doubtful items which are sometimes for duties performed by instruction from the Attorney General, if the authority for such items does not come with the account, I defer for

such authority. The deductions on the accounts of the present Clerk of the Peace and County Attorney are very much in excess of those of the former County Attorney and Clerk of the Peace.

HENRY TOTTEN.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ONTARIO.

TORONTO, February 23rd, 1877.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to enclose herewith, for the Committee of Public Accounts, by the instruction of the Hon., the Commissioner, a Return of the cost of the Central Prison to 31st December 1876, as required by a Resolution of the said Committee, dated the 22nd January, ultim.

Yours, very truly,

W. EDWARDS,
Secretary.

W. R. Harris, Esq.,
Treasury Department, Ontario.

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CENTRAL PRISON.

DETAILED STATEMENT of the cost of the Central Prison, from the commencement of the works thereon to the 31st December, 1876.

	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	Total.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Cost of Land.							
Construction of Buildings and Railway Track	2,309 04	168,855 32	81,147 00	10,414 14	...	2,300 04	314,522 23
Machinery Fitting and Fixtures	73,339 48	39,581 22	8,763 23	600 00	679 61	300 00	49,624 06
Furniture and Furnishings		20,547 31	7,814 93	2,823 26	...	34,012 88	631 65
Repairs to Cell Grates, &c., damaged by gale		5,427 68	204 00	...	...	10,818 13	807 83
Superintendence		5,236 38	3,927 05	...	...	...	500 11
2 Cab Hire, Travelling Expenses, &c.	1,938 50	425 79	161 25	...	...	76 88	490 08
Advertising, &c.	16 30	72 86	135 90	...	...	120 36	120 36
Printing	94 50	27 50	405 88	...	...	15,576 07	15,576 07
Sundries	49 38	58 30	...	...	...	...	...
Laying out Grounds	2 95	22 75	...	...	...	...	...
Canada Car Co.—paid under agreement							
	10,925 96	80,657 95	235,232 76	102,039 24	13,837 40	16,676 04	459,389 35

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,
TORONTO, February 23rd, 1877.

(Signed) WM. EDWARDS,
Secretary.

Aggregate Amount of the various Supplies purchased from Mr. JAFFRAY for Colonization Road Works during the years 1874, 1875, and 1876.

Year.	Lbs. of Green Tea.	Lbs. of Black Tea.	Gallons of Syrup.	Lbs. of Soap.	Lbs. of Rice.	Lbs. of Curants.	Lbs. of Mustard.	Boxes of Yeast Cake.	Lbs. of Dried Apples.	Barrels of Flour.	Lbs. of Sugar.	Bushels of Beans.	Barrels of Oatmeal.	Barrels of Pork.	Lbs. of Pepper.
1874	1,500	1,015	1,347	1,227	4,129	1,413	112	20	3,259	178	1,224	66 5-60	1	93	.....
1875	2,079	1,563	1,668 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,637	550	1,918	344	38	6,027	280	246	174 16-60	1	80	73
1876	483	1,197	993	1,320	4,951	1,452	108	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,704	5	309	95 5-60	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	48

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